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Electric power has not been used to any great extent in agriculture so far, though it seems well adapted to it.

They may call him "Judas" and "Brummagem Joe" all they please, but the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain seems to have the British nation pretty solidly at his back, and is just now feeling particularly well.

The success of the rural Home Week celebrations in New England has prompted the suggestion that Boston have a Home Week in midwinter, when its people may welcome in the city those who welcomed them in the country in August.

A hypnotic institution in Chicago calling itself a school of psychology claims to cure merely by suggestion, and even claims to have effected a cure of a young man who had been for two years a victim of what was supposed to be an incurable aversion to work.

A prize of 1000 francs has been offered by a French society for the invention of a glove. Manufacturers of kid gloves, however, are not likely to compete for the award, as the glove required is one which will safeguard electrical workmen from accident, not adorn the hand of the American woman.

A Chicago woman has been driven mad by the noise of the streets, especially the cable-car gongs. The wonder is that the number of cases of stark insanity from street noises is so small relatively to the number of cases of nervous frenzy and nervous exhaustion which they produce.

The way a state university can do good work for others than its regular students is illustrated by the University of Minnesota, which recently closed its ninth annual summer school, at which 1032 teachers were enrolled. Last year there were 3200 regular students enrolled. The state Legislature provides generously for this institution.

A paper by the Hon. Eugene Smith of New York City on "The Cost of Crime," which was read at the recent session of the National Prison association at Cleveland, was an attempt to complete the approximate cost of crime in the United States. Owing to the absence of reliable statistics only a relative estimate could be made. But the speaker thought he was within moderate bounds in estimating the cost of crime, including the expense of its prosecution and punishment, as not less than \$600,000,000.

Mr. Howells objects to Dickens that he is melodramatic and that he alternates mawkish sentiment with horse play. But Mr. Howells never touched one reader as Dickens has touched thousands, and a book or a play may be melodramatic without being either mawkish or absurd. If it cause the tension that is excited by the fight and death of Bill Skikes, the sacrifice and death of Carton, the wanderings of Little Nell, minor blemishes will be forgiven by all but a few finical critics. The main thing is that play or book should be written by a traveler for the house of Human Interest Brothers, and the broader the interests the more certain and permanent the success.

FIENDS IN HUMAN FORM.

Brutal Parents Go To Pen For Starving Four Children to Death.

George Griffin and wife, of Nash county, N. C., have been sentenced to 12 and 6 years' imprisonment respectively, for causing the death of Griffin's four children by a former marriage. It is said that this case disclosed the most revolting cruelty ever heard of in North Carolina.

The children, according to the evidence, were placed in a miserable bed in an outhouse and left to die from disease and starvation. They died one at a time and the dead were allowed to remain with the living until removed by neighbors, who were threatened with violence by Griffin. The evidence was such as to sicken judge and jury.

REICHMANN COMES HOME.

Our Representative In Boer War Will Soon Make Report.

Captain Carl Reichmann, of the Seventeenth infantry, who was detailed by the war department to report on the operations of the Boer forces in the South African war, has reported at Washington to prepare his report and collate the information gathered.

Captain Reichmann's experience was varied and interesting. During the month of March he was with General Dewet's army for several succeeding months; as he himself expressed it, he "shifted for himself" until after the fall of Pretoria, and then he joined the forces under General Louis Botha, the commander in chief in the Transvaal republic.

BOERS CAPTURE 400 RED COATS

Whole Garrison Is Taken In at Dewetsdorp.

ROBERTS REPORTS LOSS

Coup Was Easily Accomplished—Britons Are Chagrined Over the Continued Activity of Intrepid Burghers.

Lord Roberts cables London from Johannesburg under date of Wednesday, November 28, as follows:

"The Dewetsdorp garrison of two guns of the Sixty-eighth field battery, with detachment of Gloucestershire regiment, the Highland Light infantry and Irish Rifles, forty in all, surrendered at 5:30 p. m., November 23d. Our losses were fifteen men killed and forty-two wounded, including Major Hansen and Captain Dinby.

"The enemy is said to be 2,500 strong. Four hundred men were dispatched from Edenburg to relieve Dewetsdorp, but they did not succeed in reaching there in time. Knox joined this force and found Dewetsdorp evacuated. Seventy-five sick and wounded had been left there. Knox pursued and is reported to have successfully engaged Steyn and Dewet near Vaalband. They retired west and southwest. Knox's messenger failed to get through, so I have no details."

BOERS DRIVEN BACK.

Advices from Orange River state that the Herzog commando, 500 strong, holding a splendid position on a range of precipitous kopjes near the village of Luchoff, completely barring the British advance, attacked Col. Henry Hamilton Settle's column Tuesday morning.

After five hours' hard fighting the Boers were expelled from the position, losing heavily. The British losses were very small, owing to the fact that the British adopted Boer methods of taking cover.

Colonel Settle occupied Luchoff yesterday (Wednesday), and learned that 800 horses had passed through Tuesday for Dewet, who is reported to be in the neighborhood. The Boer commander openly boasted in the village of having shot 200 natives for sympathizing with the British.

ENGLAND IS AROUSED.

The disaster at Dewetsdorp has sent a thrill of alarm through Great Britain. The censorship continues so strict that there is no hope of arriving at a clear conception of the actual position of affairs in South Africa. For instance, independent accounts of the subsequent proceedings and the recapture of Dewetsdorp give ample details, not omitting to announce the capture of two Boer wagons and a quantity of loot, but there is not the slightest mention of the surrender of 400 British troops and two guns, which were not even disabled, inasmuch as the Boers were able to use them against the British relief forces.

The "ubiquitous Dewet" seems again to have gotten away, and so far there is no news that the captured British have been liberated. No attempt is made to conceal the extreme irritation felt at the adoption of a vote of sympathy with Mr. Kruger by the French chamber of deputies. The newspapers are unanimous in declaring that no intervention of any kind will be allowed to change the British policy.

The Morning Post, reviewing the situation, says: "The surrender at Dewetsdorp looks still worse in the light of the suggestion that probably half the towns we have garrisoned in the territories of the republics are in no better situations to resist attack."

The Standard describes the disaster as "deplorable, unaccountable and, at the present juncture, doubly unfortunate."

COSTLY FIRE IN MOUTRIE.

The Wiggs building, in Moultrie, Ga., valued at \$8,000, with entire contents, burned Thursday. The stock amounted to \$20,000 and was partially covered by insurance.

OSTEOPATHS LOSE FIGHT.

Georgia Lawmakers Not In Favor of Licensing New Cult.

The adverse action of the Georgia senate on the report of the general judiciary committee on the osteopathy bill came in the nature of a surprise, as the passage of the measure was regarded as certain. When it was seen, at last, that the issue would be a close one in the senate, an attempt was made to amend the bill, so as to allow osteopaths to practice their profession in the state without formally recognizing them by law. The amendment failed and the bill was subsequently defeated by a vote of 19 to 13.

TURK IS RATTLED.

Arrival of Battleship Kentucky At Smyrna Causes Consternation.

The Turkish minister at Washington called on Secretary Hay Wednesday relative to the visit of the big battleship Kentucky to Turkish waters. The Kentucky sailed from Naples last Saturday and arrived at the important Turkish port of Smyrna Wednesday morning, only a few hours before the minister's visit.

YOSEMITE GOES DOWN

Auxiliary Cruiser Wrecked In Storm Off Guam and Five of Crew Drowned.

Advices have been received from Manila that the island of Guam was visited by a terrific typhoon on November 13th, which wrecked thousands of houses, among them being the headquarters of Governor Schroeder. The towns of Indrajau and Terra Foro were swept away and it is estimated that hundreds of the native population in various parts of the island met their deaths.

The United States auxiliary cruiser Yosemite, which was anchored adjacent to the collier, just in, dragged her anchor and was driven aground 150 yards from the reef, her bows being crushed in. A launch with a crew of five men had previously left to endeavor to find a safe anchorage for the vessel, the indications being that the anchors would not hold where she was. The men were not safe after they left the ship and it is practically certain that the heavy sea swept the launch. The bodies of Coxswain F. Swanson and Seaman George Abel were recovered after the typhoon subsided.

The Yosemite drifted helplessly until the afternoon of November 15th, when she went down. In the meantime the Justin, which had started in search of the Yosemite, picked her up and attempted to tow her back to Guam. Two hawsers were broken and it was then decided that it was impossible to take her into port. The cruiser was then scuttled, after which she was abandoned, all hands going on board the Justin. The Yosemite sank bow first and the Justin steamed away for Guam. Paymaster Beard saved \$68,000 Mexican money from the sinking ship.

ATTORNEYS DENY SHORTAGE.

Statement Is Made That Agent Lukenbill Will Be Exonerated.

A special from Ferdinand, Fla., says: "The facts so far as can be ascertained in the trouble of the agent here are as follows:

"E. D. Lukenbill, the agent of the Seaboard system here, resigned on November 3d and requested an examination of his accounts. The railway people, after a partial examination of the books, discovered a large shortage which is estimated to have been something like \$50,000, and he was arrested and put under bond for a preliminary trial on November 10th. At that date, by mutual consent of counsel, the hearing was postponed until December 17th and Mr. Lukenbill put under bond of \$3,000 to appear on that date.

The attorneys for Mr. Lukenbill have issued the following statement: "We do not care to make any detailed statement at this time, but will do so when it becomes opportune. Mr. Lukenbill's position is not considered at all serious by either himself or his attorneys. It all resulted from a cursory investigation into accounts, which he himself requested to be made. As far as any shortage is concerned, Mr. Lukenbill stands ready to meet any just demand which the Seaboard may have against him, and he has as yet no definite knowledge of any particulars with reference to any shortage in accounts."

"An official of the Seaboard makes the statement that there was a shortage in Mr. Lukenbill's accounts, but the amount has not yet been determined."

QUARANTINE IS OFF.

With Few Exceptions the Restrictions In Florida Are Removed.

The Florida state board of health states that the "quarantine season" of the state of Florida terminated at midnight November 30th with the following exceptions:

"Non-immunes from Havana and other yellow fever ports or places will be permitted entry in Florida provided they possess a certificate signed by the officer of the United States marine hospital service in charge at Havana or other Cuban port that the holder is apparently in good health and free from evidence of febrile contagion or infectious disease."

"Baggage, wearing apparel and personal effects from Havana and other yellow fever infected ports or places will continue to be sterilized until further notice, said disinfection to be performed at the Cuban port of departure or the Cuban port of entry on arrival of passenger."

ANTIS ARE REJOICING.

Georgia Supreme Court Decides Spalding County Prohibition Case.

The anti-prohibitionists of Spalding county, Ga., are happy over the decision of the state supreme court rendered Wednesday in which all their contentions were finally sustained.

The attorneys for the antis say that the decision of the court closes the matter absolutely, and as soon as the matter is returned to the superior court at its January term it will be lawful to begin the sale of whisky. The decision also sounds the death knell of the blind tigers.

CZAR IS IMPROVING.

Favorable Bulletins Regarding His Condition Are Sent Out.

A special from St. Petersburg says: Information received through private sources fully confirms the recent favorable bulletins regarding the czar's health. His majesty has made such genuine improvement that his condition seems to promise certain recovery.

WORD "ULTIMATUM" IS THE MAIN POINT

Majority of the Powers Favor Leaving It Out of Demands.

UNCLE SAM MAKES PLEA

Request Goes Forth That Lend-ency Be Shown China.

A Washington special says: It developed Wednesday that the chief point in the exchanges concerning China, which have been going on during the last few days among the powers, relates to the wisdom of delivering an "ultimatum" to China, using the express word "ultimatum" in the text of the paper handed to the Chinese envoys involving the possibility of a resulting declaration of war against China in case the demands of the ultimatum be not complied with.

It appears that some of the powers desired the express use of the word "ultimatum" in the demand relative to the decapitation or other extreme punishment of eleven of the princes and other high officials responsible for the outrages, and this view of using the most expressive term of diplomacy seems to have favor with the ministers at Peking.

When it became known at the several capitals considerable dissent became manifest. About a week ago Japan took the initiative in an appeal for moderation and this received the favorable consideration of the United States, France, Russia and probably Great Britain, although a positive statement as to Great Britain cannot be made.

About the same time Secretary Hay took steps to express the view of this government that it was inadvisable to proceed to the extent of an ultimatum against China, but the demands should not be beyond what China might reasonably have the power to comply with. The unanimity of sentiment among the powers gives ground for the belief that the demands will be modified by the omission of the word "ultimatum," although it is not yet clear what the final attitude of the remaining powers—Germany, Austria and Italy—will be.

The negotiations in this particular were carried on in London through Ambassador Choate, and it is regarded as significant that one of the parties to the Anglo-German alliance should give its adherence to the moderate position advanced by the United States. The state department has cabled Minister Conger to forward the text of the agreement reached by the foreign ministers at Peking. Meanwhile he will withhold his signature until the president has had an opportunity to satisfy himself as to this important document and to make such changes as will bring it in accord with our policy.

It is safe to predict that this particular agreement will not become effective in its present shape. It appears that, upon inquiry directed to the powers themselves, their ministers at Peking have not correctly reflected their present views as to the basis of the peace negotiations. This statement certainly is true as to a majority of the powers interested, and the fact is regarded as warranting the prediction that the agreement must be modified or abandoned.

It is learned at the state department that, while the negotiations are dragging along at Peking, some of the American consuls in China are achieving practical and valuable results by individual efforts. They are addressing themselves, in some cases, directly to the viceroys of the great provinces where American property interests have suffered to secure indemnity and reparation, and, in most cases, they are succeeding very well.

It is surmised from the latest Chinese advices that the English consuls are doing likewise, and are collecting their claims and the moneys are being turned over to the mission interests which suffered. If this movement continues, it is entirely possible that the United States and Great Britain will not be obliged to concern themselves with the prosecution of individual claims for indemnity through the slow moving agencies at Peking.

ACCOMPLICE OF BROWN?

Bookkeeper Charged With Assisting In Looting Newport Bank.

Robert Winstel, assistant bookkeeper of the wrecked German National bank of Newport, Ky., was arrested in Cincinnati Thursday charged with being an accomplice of Frank Brown, who was shot \$196,000 in his accounts. Winstel was taken to Newport, bail being refused. Brown has not yet been apprehended.

Population of Tennessee.

The population of Tennessee, as officially announced by the census bureau Wednesday, is 2,020,616 as against 1,767,518 in 1890. This is an increase of 253,098 or 14.3 per cent.

A SURFEIT OF GOLD.

Treasuries Have Largest Stock of Coin And Bullion Ever Held.

The largest stock of gold coin and bullion ever held in the United States is now accumulated in the treasury and its branches. The total has been rising steadily during the whole of the present year, and the amount is now \$474,108,336, or about \$76,000,000 greater than at the close of 1899.

CHASING A FIEND.

Mob Wants Brute Who Forced a Red-Hot Poker Down Little Child's Throat.

A special, under date of Friday, says: "All day hundreds of people have walked the streets in the little town of Catlettsburg, in Boyd county, awaiting and wishing for the return of the searching party bringing back to the scene of his crime William Gibson, who so cruelly murdered his step-daughter Wednesday night by running a red hot poker down her throat."

"Gibson, who escaped hatless and coatless, has disappeared as though the earth had swallowed him up. Rumors came thick and fast during the day and kept the waiters in a frenzy. They showed that they do not intend to let the law have its course. It was reported that Gibson was captured five miles from town and that the officers had spread the report that his half brother instead was under arrest in order to throw the crowd off its guard, but it cannot be learned as yet whether this is true or not. Gibson is a much hunted man. The two bloodhounds put on his trail could do nothing since they could get no lead from the house where the crime was committed."

"Gibson is thirty-five years old. His wife was a widow and three-year-old Lillian Patrick was her only child. Gibson disliked the child. Another rumor is that Gibson is insane and is defying arrest in the hills between Boyd and Louis counties. There are several organized posers in pursuit and many volunteers in the chase."

"SUE FOR PEACE."

Is Plea of London Paper to Government In Regard to the Boer War.

The London Statist proposes that the government should begin negotiations with Commandant General Botha and General Dewet to bring the war to a close. As the Boer leaders might misunderstand the motive of an overture from the military authorities, it will suggest that the highest civil authority in Cape Town should begin the negotiations, if not Sir Alfred Milner, then the chief justice of Cape Colony, or even J. H. Hofmeier.

This great financial journal leads up to its proposal by an analysis of the situation in South Africa, and says: "We are losing in every way, losing in prestige and losing in life. We are seeing our South African possessions plunged into greater distress, and the opinion is gaining ground abroad that we are incapable of bringing the struggle to a satisfactory termination."

Military incompetence is alleged, and the Statist avers that military harshness should be avoided and the Boers be conciliated.

"If men like Botha and Dewet voluntarily surrender and bind themselves not to act against us in the future," says the Statist, "is there any good reason why a promise should not be given not to send them out of the country? J. B. Robinson suggests that Botha and Dewet should be invited to take seats in the legislative council that will be established. The suggestion is worthy of approval. The Boers should not be excluded, even from the beginning, from anything which can safely be given them."

NEGRO'S BLOODY DEED.

Jacksonville's Thanksgiving Day Was One of Tragedy.

Thanksgiving day was one of tragedy in Jacksonville, Fla. There were twenty thousand visitors in the city to witness the carnival. The streets were congested from early morning until late at night. In some sections there was considerable rowdiness throughout the day.

Late in the afternoon, at the corner of Davis and West Forsyth, Policeman Henry Raley arrested a negro for fighting.

A mob of fifty negroes, headed by John Baxter, son of a well-to-do barber, demanded the release of the prisoner. Before Raley could draw his gun he was shot dead by Baxter. Ex-Policeman Tucker ran to the officer's assistance and received two serious wounds in the abdomen. Chandler Brooks, an inoffensive negro, attempted to assist the dying officer, and was shot dead.

Baxter escaped, but was arrested near midnight two miles from the city.

GERMANS ARE GUESSING.

Kruger to Visit Berlin and Kaiser's Action Is Problematic.

The semi-official statement that Mr. Kruger is to visit Berlin is discussed cautiously. It is regarded as premature to predict that Emperor William will receive him. There is no appreciable sign of public demonstration, and some of the papers warn the public to beware of a policy of sentiment, pointing out that Germany is not in a position to change the fate of the Transvaal, and deprecating the manifestations which are likely to clash.

DISPENSARY BILL DEFEATED.

Wright Measure Fails of Necessary Majority In Georgia Legislature.

By a vote of 70 to 77 the Wright dispensary bill went down in defeat in the Georgia legislature Wednesday, lacking nine votes of receiving a constitutional majority.

Mr. Wright the author of the bill charged that the Liquor Dealers' association in Georgia was dominating the politics of many of the dry counties by sending whisky and money into these counties to defeat prohibition candidates. He promised a red hot prohibition fight two years hence.

CHINA HOLDS KEY TO THE SITUATION

For Sake of Peace Allies May Yield Many Points.

LONDON PAPERS GLOOMY

Blame Is Attached to United States and Czar's Government.

The London Spectator, in a striking article dealing with the Chinese crisis, expresses the opinion that the most recent developments at Peking foreshadow a Chinese victory over the allies.

"The quarrel has been brought to the test of force," it says, "and force on the civilized side has proved insufficient. This result is mainly due to the attitude of Russia and the United States. If China escapes with the payment of a small indemnity and many promises on paper, as seems not unlikely, since Germany and Great Britain may not be willing to incur the expenditure and risk involved in persisting in their demands, it will be equivalent to a victory for China, for nothing has occurred which will convince the Chinese that their mighty empress has been defeated or that Europe can avenge any future massacres."

The Shanghai correspondent of The Morning Post, wiring Thursday, says:

"Despite the cordial reception given Admiral Seymour, the situation is unchanged. The Hankow viceroy refuses to stop sending supplies to the court unless the Nankia viceroy will also refuse; and the latter, although he undertakes to send no more arms, says he must continue sending supplies so long as the emperor requires them."

"In fact, all our remonstrances amount to a miserable farce. We have no courage to do more than to talk. In the Chinese theater here the allies are represented by a soldier with an enormous mouth, who does nothing but talk until his career is ended by decapitation."

"The Japanese consul here," says the Shanghai correspondent of The Daily London News, "acting under instructions from Tokio, has withdrawn his assent to the consular proclamation forbidding the importation of articles used in the manufacture of war articles. This action has caused general surprise. It is rumored that the Chinese are actively purchasing arms and ammunition and the customs officials are conniving at the passage of false declarations, under the official instructions."

The Shanghai correspondent of The Times, says:

"Reports of uneasiness at Tien Tsin continue. Chinese regulars and boxers are believed to be returning to that district secretly and a renewal of trouble is feared when the port is closed for the winter."

"It is alleged that the Kalgan expedition met with a reverse and it is believed that a party of Germans who were cut off were obliged to abandon their dead and wounded."

On the other hand Count von Waldersee has telegraphed to Berlin that the German column was returning from Kalgan and would continue the march under General Gayl."

A similar reverse had been previously rumored and denied at Berlin.

FEARFUL ACCIDENT THIS.

A Roof Collapses and Results In Death Of Fourteen People.

Not in the history of San Francisco has an accident happened approaching in horrible details that of Thursday, when more than a hundred men and boys, who were viewing the Stanford-California football game from the roof of an adjoining glass manufactory, were suddenly precipitated into the interior of the building, many on top of the white hot furnaces.

The ventilator annex to the roof, on which they were perched, collapsed under the strain and without warning fourteen persons were hurled to their death. The injured now being cared for in hospitals or at their homes number eighty-three, and of these several cannot survive.

STRIKERS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.

There is little change in the job printers' strike in Birmingham, Ala. Numerous printers, not members of the Typographical union, have been imported to fill the places of the strikers, but the leaders of the strike express themselves as confident that they will win.

Votes Sympathy For Kruger.

The French senate Friday unanimously adopted a resolution of sympathy with Mr. Kruger, in the same terms as the resolution previously passed in the chamber of deputies.

ENGINE LEFT TRACK.

Negro Brakeman Is Killed and Engineer Fatally Scalded.

The engine of an extra west-bound freight train on the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham railroad jumped the track while running at full speed Thursday afternoon near Horse Creek, Ala. The locomotive turned over an embankment and was followed by three cars.

William Jones, colored brakeman, was killed, and Jesse Wilder, engineer, was caught under the engine and fatally scalded.

SAMFORD SWORN IN.

Takes the Oath as Governor of Alabama at His Home--His Son Conducts Ceremony.

Governor-elect William J. Samford took the oath of office at his home in Opelika, Ala., Thursday at 10 o'clock, in the presence of his family and physician. The oath was administered by his son, a notary public. It was unexpected as the general belief was that it would be done on Saturday at 12 o'clock, when Governor Johnston's term expired.

The bills passed at this session of the legislature and known as the "succession bills" authorized the oath to be administered at the time and place, and were passed especially to meet this case. Governor Samford's son will be his private secretary, and will be in charge of the governor's office pending his illness.

There has been much argument among the constitutional lawyers of the state in reference to the bill passed to allow the proceedings of taking the oath, but it is now generally conceded that it comes within the spirit and proper construction of the constitution. The office will be administered by the private secretary, assisted by the president of the senate, until the governor is able to take charge.

All appointments to be made will be with the approval of Governor Samford.

GOVERNOR IS IMPROVING.

Governor W. J. Samford was a great deal better Thursday morning, and it was decided best to administer the oath of office at once.

The sick governor is the first in the history of the state to take the oath of office outside of the state capital, and it seemed particularly sad that he should be taken sick just at the time of his triumph, but there was a double thanksgiving day in Alabama over the favorable turn of affairs.

SULTAN IS "BLUFFED."

Appearance of Our Battleship May Settle Indemnity Question.

A Washington special says: No proposition has come to the United States government from Turkey looking to the payment of the missionary claims under the guise of an order for a warship to be built in the United States. While it is hardly expected that any formal proposition of this kind will be forthcoming, it is, of course, beyond the power of the state department to prevent or interfere with any arrangement that the Turkish government may enter into with American ship builders and individual claimants. The point is, after all, to have the claims paid, and the state department officials are not very particular as to the form in which the payments are made.

A telegram from Constantinople says that the opinion is expressed that the American claims arising from the American massacres "may now be regarded as practically settled, as an irade providing for the building of a cruiser in the United States is officially promulgated."

The question of the consulate at Harpoot remains open, the porte persisting in its refusal to grant an exequatur to Dr. Thomas H. Norton. The moral effect, however, created by the presence of the United States battleship at Smyrna, in support of the representations of the American legation, taken in conjunction with the settlement of the other claims, leads the legation to hope for an early arrangement of all outstanding differences.

BAKER AGAIN RESPITED.

For Fourth Time Wife Slayer Gets New Lease On Life.

James L. Baker, the Fulton county, Ga., wife slayer, has been given another respite by Governor Candler, this time until January 18, 1901. Four times has the condemned man been in the shadow of the gallows and almost to the brink of the grave and as often has the only hand with power to stay the sentence been raised in the name of justice.

This latest respite granted. Baker breaks the record, for never before in the history of the executive department has the sentence of a man convicted of murder been set back four separate times.

has given Baker another lease on life, because, in the executive mind, there is a doubt as to the sanity of the man.

FOUR FILIPINOS TO HANG.

General MacArthur Confirms Sentence of Death on Murderers.

A Manila special says: General MacArthur has confirmed the sentences of hanging passed upon four natives recently convicted of murder at Lingayen. The condemned were members of the Guardia de Honor, a band of assassins whose victims were kidnapped and blooded. They will be hung December 21st.

The United States cruiser Newark is under orders to proceed to Guam to investigate the circumstances of the disaster to the United States auxiliary cruiser Yosemite.

Swink on Trial For Life.

In Spartanburg, S. C., Friday afternoon, the trial of Jonas Swink, of Woodruff, for the murder of Mrs. Wilhelmina Pearson, was begun. No criminal case in a quarter of a century has caused so much interest in the county.

Raft Upset; Four Drowned.

A dispatch from Spokane, Wash., says: By the upsetting of a raft of the Spokane river, twenty men were thrown into the water and four were drowned.

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Representative—G. B. Deans.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit Judge—John Pelham.
Circuit Solicitor—T. W. Coleman.
Circuit Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—R. F. Cox.
Terms of Court—Eighth Monday after the fourth Monday in January and July, continuing three weeks.

CHANCERY COURT.

Chancellor—R. B. Kelly.
Register in Chancery—J. R. White.
Terms of Court—First Thursday after second Monday's in March and September.

COUNTY COURT.

County Judge—A. P. Longshore.
County Clerk—John P. Pearson.
County Solicitor—W. R. Oliver.
Terms of Court—Fourth Monday in February, May, August and November.
Probate Court—Second Monday in each month.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Probate Judge—A. P. Longshore.
Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—R. F. Cox.
Treasurer—L. J. Carden.
Supt. of Education—E. Williams.
Tax Collector—J. H. Robertson.
Tax Assessor—John S. Pitts.
County Surveyors—W. E. Bell and A. P. E. Dahl.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

First District—L. R. Kendrick.
Fourth District—John T. Glaze.
Second District—Pleasant Shaw.
Third District—R. J. Griffin.
Terms of Court—First Mondays in January, April, July and October. Special Terms—Second Mondays in May and July and first Monday in June.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Beat 1—B. L. Moore, Columbiana; terms of court every Thursday.
Beat 1, box 2—W. E. Seale, Shelby; terms of court every Wednesday.

The fight for liberty and civil government must continue.

Congress has met in short session, there is many measures of importance to be considered, and there is but a short time for consideration of these grave questions.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Bradley, General Manager of the Manchester Cotton Mills will be here in a few days to begin work, preparatory to moving their plant here.

A Constitutional Convention meets in Alabama, composed of delegates, one-third of whom are agents and attorneys of the corporations, then farweld to the liberties of the common people of this State.

Senator Jelks is now acting Governor during the illness of Governor Samford, he is a man of considerable ability, and will discharge the duties faithfully until such time as governor Samford can assume the duties of the office.

In another column will be found an article from the Age-Herald commenting upon an extract from a recent interview with Senate Jones chairman of the National Democratic Executive committee. It is evident from the interview that Senator Jones is paving the way to abandon silver. The Populist principles alone will do to stand by, they want a sufficient volume of money to do business with, and they don't care whether it is gold, silver or paper.

The sickness of Governor W. J. Samford at this time is to be greatly deplored; the people of the State have great confidence in his honesty as well as his ability; and the State surely needs his counsel and advice just now. The Advocate believes that if he were in the executive office that he would not approve of the Bill recently passed by the House, submitting the calling of a constitutional convention to the people in April, the busiest season of the year with the farmers. It seems that the politicians have great fear that the honest yeomanry of the country will take an interest in the calling of a convention.

Constitutional Convention.

The Constitutional Convention Bill has passed the House, and will pass the Senate and become a law in a few days. The Bill is characteristic of the make up of the present General Assembly. They seem to be afraid of the people, especially the white people of Alabama, and consequently they provide that there shall be fifty members from the State-at-large, these will be named by a Democratic convention composed largely of politicians, will name these delegates, and they will be for the most part attorneys and representatives of the railroads and corporations of Alabama. It is to be regretted that the Democratic party is unwilling to trust the people, and are determined to have fifty delegates that are selected by a partisan convention, and elected by stuffed ballots in the black belt.

Coming Round Right.

From the Southern Mercury.
Brother Vincent of the Non-Confessionist is 'coming to his senses' at last. Since the election he is talking out straight, and regrets the fusion methods practiced by the Democrats as forcibly as any middle-of-the-roader ever did. We have never doubted but that Bro. Vincent would come round all right, but we hated to see him tarry so long in the camps of our enemy. In a recent issue of his paper he says in reply to the St. Louis Republic:

"The Populists are more anxious to go out of the fusion business than you are to have us go. We have no love for the 'National Democracy,' and never did have any. We despised you always just as much as we despised the Republicans and had just as little faith in your promises. You, just like the Republicans, are for spoils instead of principle. We voted for Bryan and not for the Democratic party. We voted for him because we knew that he was a sincere friend of the common people and we hope to vote for him again some time, but never as the representative of the Democratic party. The Populists are not hurt by their defeat—they come out of it stronger than ever. Populism is a principle and not a party name. We will continue the fight for the common people which is as old as the world and we care not whether we fight under the old name or a new one. Give us the training of the child and you may give him his name. It is only the Democrats that they are pulverized into fine dust. They are disorganized and despondent. A million or so of them who are men of principle will go with us and the balance will go to the devil."

Dont Swear.

Young man don't swear. There is no occasion for it outside of a printing office, where it is useful when the paper is behindhand. It also comes handy in proof reading, and is indispensable when the ink works bad and the press begins to buck. It is sometimes brought into use when the foreman is mad, and it has been known to entirely remove that tired feeling from the editor when he looks over the paper after it is printed. Outside of a printing office it is a foolish habit.—Southern Alliance.

The citizens of Columbiana have decided to try the Dispensary. We hope it will prove a success; for the town is certainly cursed with blind tigers, now that are debauching to the young and old.

A Keen Clear Brain.

Your best feelings, your social position of business success depends largely on the perfect action of your stomach and liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by Hall, the druggist.

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Silver in 1904.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, very significantly said last week "the silver question may solve itself. Should the amount of gold produced be ample to maintain a sufficient volume of metallic money and insure the stability of prices, the silver question will be subordinated."

Now that is just what will occur, for the mines on the Rand have been reopened, and from them will soon be coming a golden tide that will affect prices throughout the world. The output will soon rise to \$100,000,000 a year, and it will be continuous and steady. In the year 1898 the production on the Rand rose to \$80,000,000, and it can readily be pushed by enterprise to the round sum first named. It is simply a matter of deep mining, for the gold-bearing rock is at hand in quantities that will last at least two generations. The abolition of the dynamite monopoly in the Transvaal, and the greater facilities that the new government will afford, will promote mining, and the supply of gold from the Rand alone may safely be set down at \$100,000,000 a year.

This great sum will be swelled by increases from the Klondike, in Alaska, from British Columbia, and from Cripple Creek. All these sources of supply are in Anglo-Saxon hands; but it is believed that the production of Siberia will be largely increased when the new railroad is completed. Although the output will be in 1901 about \$365,000,000—a sum large enough to enable, as Senator Jones suggests, the silver question to settle itself. There will be gold enough to carry on the trade and industry of the world. Indeed economists are beginning to think there will be gold enough in a short time to swell prices and to swell also commerce and all industrial activity. Such movements have heretofore followed large increases in the gold supply, and Senator Jones is quite right in expecting something of a similar nature as a result of the reopening of the mines of the Rand. The gold of California increased the price of commodities fully 20 per cent, and that supply never equalled the output of the deep mines near Johannesburg. The Rand mines will certainly advance prices, if they do not stimulate speculation, and at the same time they will give the silver question, as Senator Jones suggests, a good square chance to settle itself.—Age-Herald.

Pointed Paragraphs.

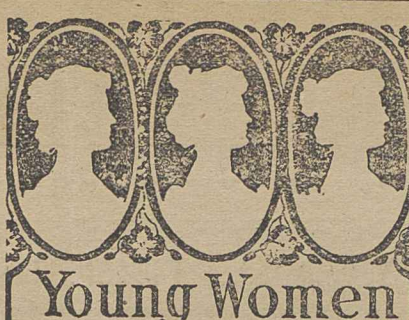
From the Chicago News.
A man never values a turkey for its plamage.
Carpenters are like circumstances they alter cases.
Much that passes for wit owes its humor to its absurdity.
A new dress lasts a long time after it has been worn out.
A pair of scissors divides by uniting and unites by dividing.
The worst enemy of labor is a workman who will not work.
As a rule hard luck never associates prudence and industry.
A girl probably wants to give a man the slip when she gives him an icy stare.
If wishes were horses beggars would growl because they were not automobiles.
It isn't work that kills a man. It's usually scheming how he can put in the most time on a job that saps up the human energy.

Does It Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the most severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Sold by Hall-Drug Co.

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Notice.

Under and by virtue of an order and decree of the Honorable A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate for Shelby county, Alabama, I will sell at public auction in front of the Court House of Shelby county, Ala., on Monday the 17 day of December, 1900, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of D. E. Vest, deceased, to-wit: Fraction C, D, E, M and F, of section 21, township 22, range 1 west, situated in Shelby county, Alabama.
Terms of sale, cash.

S. A. VEST,
Adm. of Estate of D. E. VEST, deceased.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Condensed Schedule in Effect May 6, 1900.

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THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know
and Some You Don't Know.
News From Different Beats.

Max Lefkovits spent Sunday at Bessemer.

County court adjourned last Saturday.

Harry Roberts spent Monday in Sylacauga.

Dr. A. J. Massey, of Birmingham, is in the city.

Will Page has been on the sick list this week.

E. J. Gilbert, of beat 8, was in town last Friday.

J. L. Ray, of Wilsonville, was in the city Monday.

The supply of coal seems to be scarce in our city.

E. S. Lyman, of Montevallo, was in town last Friday.

Dr. W. S. DuBose spent last Friday in Birmingham.

Dr. E. C. Parker, of Shelby, was in the city Tuesday.

The city was full-up with drummers all of last week.

R. T. Johnson, of Shelby Springs, was in town Saturday.

C. C. Stamps, of Redlawn, was in town one day last week.

C. A. Glaze, of Creswell, was in town one day last week.

A. O. Harwell made a business trip to Talladega Monday.

Charlie Wood, of Sylacauga, visited friends here last week.

Mrs. L. W. Bailey, of Calera, visited relatives here last week.

J. R. Dyke, of Sterrett, was in town Wednesday on business.

W. E. Harrison, of Montevallo, was in the city last Saturday.

W. B. Walls, of Birmingham, is visiting his family in the city.

Mrs. C. J. Christian, of Shelby, visited relatives here last week.

Deputy Sheriff Farley made a business trip to Talladega Monday.

Cecil Browne, of Talladega, spent Monday and Tuesday in the city.

Miss Stella Posey, of Harpersville, visited friends here this week.

Christmas is coming on a run—less than three weeks it will be here.

Several entertainments are to be given in our city during Christmas week.

Miss May Riley, of Wilsonville, visited relatives in the city this week.

J. T. Leeper attended the wedding of his sister in Anniston yesterday.

Walter Wood, of Ensley, spent a few days in the city last week with friends.

Charlie Bolin, of Wilsonville, spent Sunday in the city with friends.

Walter Hubbard, of Texas, is visiting relatives and friends in the city.

Frank Robertson and wife visited relatives in the city last week and this.

Dr. T. G. Nelson and wife, of Harpersville, visited relatives here last week.

Chickens and turkeys hang their heads in shame at the price they command.

W. B. Morgan moved Monday to the Weaver residence near the Central Hotel.

This week has been a moving one, as several families have changed residences.

During the first of the week Jack Frost made his appearance early in the mornings.

R. J. Farr, was in town Monday and gave us a brand new dollar for the Advocate.

Miss Kate Seabrooks, of Talladega, visited relatives in the city last week.

Representative G. B. Deans, of Calera, was in the city a short while last Friday.

Rev. W. I. Sinnott filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

J. R. Beavers and J. L. Peters spent a few days in Montgomery this week on business.

Ross Edwards, of Talladega, visited the family of Mrs. M. E. Mason a few days last week.

Supt. Eugene Williams, of Vincent, was in the city Monday and Tuesday examining teachers.

Sheriff Cox and Circuit Clerk Pearson spent a few days this week at Bridgeton on business.

Prayer meetings for this month will be held at the Presbyterian church every Wednesday night.

Mrs. T. P. Roberts and Mrs. J. W. Johnston visited relatives at Montevallo Sunday and Monday.

Williams Bros., have had their drug store repainted on the inside, which adds much to its appearance.

E. W. Chapman, of Montevallo, was shaking hands with his many friends in the city Sunday and Monday.

Christmas turkeys are roosting high. They cost the poor man only \$1.00 a piece this year of great prosperity.

J. M. Ray, of Wilsonville, made an assignment Monday to J. M. Brown of that place, for the benefit of his creditors.

Examination of school teachers by Superintendent Eugene Williams took place at the courthouse last Monday and Tuesday.

Rev. T. K. Roberts, Rev. J. G. Walker and J. R. White have returned from the North Alabama Conference at Decatur.

Judge Milner, who has been clerking for Henry Milner, left Monday for Montgomery, where he will in the future reside.

Rev. T. K. Roberts preached an interesting sermon at the Presbyterian church Thanksgiving Day to a large and attentive congregation.

Will Thomas, who has been clerking in the Shelby Iron Company's store for several months, has a position with Henry Milner as salesman.

The social entertainment given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. German last Friday night was well attended, and enjoyed by all those present.

D. R. Haley, father of Mrs. A. F. Thompson, who has been in feeble health for several months, has been confined to his room for the past few days.

The one bringing us a turkey for Christmas will get the Advocate free for one year. Bring in your turkey and don't wait. We can use two as well as one.

Geo. D. Campbell, of The Advocate force, spent a few days in Birmingham last week on business.

Mr. Campbell is one of Columbiana's inventive genius, he has in the past year made and completed one of the nearest freezers that we have ever seen and one of the most convenient ever put on the market.

Died, at the residence of Rev. W. I. Sinnott on last Saturday night, little Mary Thompson Evans, aged 3 years, and was buried at the cemetery here Monday afternoon. She will be remembered as the little girl placed under the motherly care of Mrs. Parker by a lady in Birmingham who had adopted the child. While its life here was short, yet it suffered much and was very patient, and has been carried to a land where pains come not.

Appointments.

Below we give the appointments of the North Alabama Conference for Talladega District:

Presiding Elder—J. L. Brittain.

Talladega Station—J. W. Newman.

Talladega Circuit—R. B. Baird.

Plantersville Circuit—T. M. Wilson.

Childersburg Circuit—E. T. Harris.

Sylacauga Circuit—W. M. Howell.

Columbiana—T. P. and T. K. Roberts.

Calera—S. V. Blythe.

Calera—T. B. McCain.

Pelham—E. D. Emerson.

Brookwood Station—L. F. Whitten.

Munford—J. W. Cowan.

Wesley Chapel Circuit—W. N. Barnes.

Northport Circuit—W. P. Handy.

New River—E. A. Doss.

Berry—J. F. Rudisill.

Kennedy—O. L. Millican.

Millport—James Williams.

Carrollton—J. W. Tucker.

Newtonville Mission—E. V. McCoy.

Gordo—W. O. Horton.

President Tuscaloosa Female College—W. F. Melton.

Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Shelby county is hereby called to meet at Columbiana, Ala., on Friday December 14th, to consider ways and means of improving the public roads of the county. Every beat in the county is earnestly requested to send a delegation of its best and most enterprising citizens.

A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate.

R. J. Griffin, L. R. Kendrick, Pleasant Shaw, John T. Glaze, Commissioners.

Make Your Wife

and daughter happy, your cotton is bringing you a good price. Now, make your family happy by buying a nice set of Plates and Dishes for your table. J. H. Hammond will sell you crockery ware so cheap that you will be sure to be pleased with your purchase.

B. W. Brand moved yesterday to the Mardis residence vacated by W. B. Morgan.

We will take anything in the way of eatable, such as eggs, turkeys, potatoes, and syrup in payment for subscription for our paper. Don't forget us when you come to town.

Among those present at the teachers examination Monday and Tuesday, were Misses Genevieve Roberts of Wynette, Ala., Stella Posey, Rosalee Thornton, Mary Nolen, and Messrs. J. W. Moore, W. J. Dennis, T. B. Ward, J. C. James, Oliver Alexander.

Call on Mrs. J. W. Peers for sewing of all kinds, prices as cheap as is consistent with good work. At Morgan's place on West College street. Also for sale Sofa pillows, Chair cushions, Pin cushions and other fancy articles nice for Xmas presents. All done in crazy paton work.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Sunday Afternoon, December 9, Three O'clock.

The Christian Endeavor will hold a meeting at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Subject—"How to Listen." Matthew 13:1-23.

Leader—Grover Liles.

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Reading Lesson—Matt. 13:1-23.

Paper—What Preparation Before a meeting will help us to listen?

Talk—How will Bible Study affect One's Listening?—Leader.

Talk—What Harm Comes from Headless Listening.—W. F. Thetford.

Song.

Prayer for Dismissal.

County Court Doings.

The following cases were disposed of in county court last week:

The State vs. M. Levi; jury and verdict not guilty.

The State vs. Geo. Boyd; forfeiture and continued.

The State vs. Ash McCarroll, Jim McCarroll and Bob Roden; jury and verdict not guilty.

The State vs. John Boyd, two cases; continued on account of witnesses.

The State vs. Frank Harwell, three cases; jury and verdict not guilty.

The State vs. Calvin Sims, selling mortgaged property; mistrial.

The State vs. Will Newson, assault with a weapon; jury and verdict not guilty.

The State vs. Pes Newson, assault with a weapon; jury and verdict guilty, fine one dollar and cost.

The State vs. Will Epperson; jury and verdict not guilty.

The State vs. John Grant, abusive language; nol prossed.

The State vs. James M. Grant; jury and verdict not guilty.

The State vs. Jesse Edwards; pleas guilty.

The State vs. C. W. Cary, two cases; pleas guilty.

Tortured a Witness.

Intense suffering was endured by witness T. L. Martin of Dixie Ky., before he gave this evidence: "I coughed every night until my throat was nearly raw; then tried King's New Discovery which gave instant relief. I have used it in my family for four years and recommend it as the best remedy for coughs, colds and all throat, chest and lung troubles. It will stop the worst cough, and not only prevents but absolutely cures consumption. Price 50¢ and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottle 10¢ at Hall's drug store.

A Pretty Doll.

Oza—"That was a pretty doll that Bob brought you?"

Carrie—"Yes, I thought so too, until I found out it was marked 10 cents."

"Bah! Backnumber holds so many theories, which have been exploded."

"That's right, but the explosion did not wake him up."

World's Champion.

I tried many remedies to cure piles, writes W. R. Smith, of Latham, Ill., "but found no relief till I used Buckle's Arnica Salve. I have not been troubled with piles since." It's the only champion pile cure on earth and best salve in the world, 25¢ a box, for sale by Hall, the druggist.

Practical horse shoer at Shelby, J. A. Barker.

Letter to Santa Claus.

DEAR SANTA:

I do not want very much, if my mamma will have my gun fixed. I would like one of those games, I like the game by the name of (The Trip Around the World), and some Cannon Crackers, Fire Crackers and Roman Candles. I guess you know where I live, don't you?

Your little friend,
W. T.

Get your horse shod at Shelby J. A. Barker.

Dunnivant Items.

Health of community good. P. L. Holcombe, of Leeds, was in Dunnivant last week on business.

Quite a number of boys were in town last week paying taxes.

Prof. J. O. Dorrough has a nice school at this place.

Elonzo McGill and family were in town last week on a visit to relatives.

E. R. Isbell, T. P. Hambright, J. H. Dorrough and I. B. Dawson went to Columbiana to attend county court.

Tax assessor and collector, Pitts and Robertson was in our town last week assessing and collecting tax.

Rufus Deshazo, of Cahaba Valley, was in town last Saturday attending justice court.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Dorrough on the 26th, a girl baby, hurrah for you J. O., we don't wonder at you smiling.

A great many Bird hunters were in our community last week, among whom was Dr. J. M. Babb and son, they reported having killed a good many birds.

What is a Peoples party girl to do with a Democrat beau? My advice to a girl in distress of this kind would be to give him the books. Try, this and I think it will prove successful.

Cow Bow.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Line Ridge, Wis. from her doctor after he had tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful stomach, liver and kidney remedy. Cures dyspepsia, loss of appetite. Try it, Only 50 cts. For sale by Hall, the druggist.

Vandiver Dots.

Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few words from this neck of the woods.

We are glad to report the health of the people are very much improved.

Wheat sowing has been very light in our community this fall.

Cotton about gathered and sold by the farmers of our section of the county.

J. L. Stout, our leading merchant will move into his nice new dwelling house on the south side of the Central Railroad in a few days; John W. Baker has moved into our city; William Whitfield has moved to our city, we welcome all such men as those to our community.

J. H. Robertson and J. S. Pitts were in our town last week looking after the county's business. Next fall we will try and be ready for you. We thank those gentlemen for their expressions of this beat being so punctual in giving in and paying taxes.

A. D. Elliott and children are visiting relatives at Leeds this week.

Mr. Turner and brother, of Calais, were shaking hands with their friends in our town Saturday, come again gentlemen; we may not be so busy the next time you come, we have never been harder pressed with business than last Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Gaines preached an interesting sermon to a good congregation Sunday.

Elder J. M. Jackson, Ezekiel Isbell were in town Saturday on official business.

G. B. Sprowell, of Birmingham, was in town on business Saturday.

Ezekiel Isbell will move soon from his farm on Bear creek to his new purchase on Kelley's creek.

A. P. Oliver, of Vandiver, is turning out a fine lot of crossties and charcoal, he moves things early and late, and that's the way to make money at anything.

High TARIFF.

All blacksmith work guaranteed at Shelby by J. A. Barker.

The Fall of The Year HAS COME!

—AND— The Fall of Prices Has COME ALSO!

We are now in our NEW BRICK BUILDING

With the best stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Etc., ever brought to THIS MARKET.

Figures Don't Lie!

LISTEN HOW THEY TALK!

All Wool Jeans Pants.....	98 cents
Good Bleached Domestic.....	6 cents
Calico, good quality, per yard.....	5 cents

Our Line of Ladies and Gents Shoes Can't be surpassed in quantity or quality.

LISTEN TO THE WAY WE TALK ON GROCERIES.

20 Pounds Best Y. C. Sugar for.....	\$1.00
15 Pounds Best Granulated Sugar for.....	\$1.00

In Order to Make Room for a Car Load of Flour now on the Road WE Offer:

Best Half Patent Flour 50 Cents.

8 Pounds of Good Coffee for \$1.00.

2 full Pound Bar Soap for 5 cents.

ALL GOODS NEW AND FRESH.

J. P. PEARSON & CO.

COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA.

Spring Creek Items.

The business men of Shelby observed Thanksgiving by closing their doors of business on the 29th.

Married on the 4th Sunday of last month at Bethlehem church Mr. Lonnie Buckner to Miss Bell Manard, of near Shelby. May they live a long and happy life.

Wm. C. Merrell, of the Lone Star State, is in our midst, visiting relatives and friends.

T. R. Lovett, of near Shelby, is quite ill, we are sorry to state with hemorrhage of the lungs. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

C. W. Finch, of Oxana, is in Shelby among friends and relations.

Clark Sturdivant of near Shelby, is sawing stove wood with a circular saw propelled by an eight horse engine. Success to Clark.

Messrs. Pitts and Robertson, our efficient tax officials were on time at Spring Creek on the 24th.

On the

ANCIENT SUN-DIALS.

The Earliest Was Probably a Nomad Chief's Spear.

It is probable that the earliest sundial was simply the spear of some nomad chief stuck upright in the ground before his tent. Amongst those desert wanderers, keen to observe their surroundings, it would not be a difficult thing to notice that the shadow shortened as the sun rose higher in the sky, and that the shortest shadow always pointed in the same direction—north. The recognition would have followed very soon that his noonday shadow changed its length from day to day. A six-foot spear would give a shadow at noon in latitude 40 of twelve feet at one time of the year, or less than two feet at another. This instrument, so simple, so easily carried, so easily set up, may well have begun the scientific study of astronomy, for it lent itself to measurement, and science is measurement; and probably we see it expressed in permanent form in the obelisks of Egyptian solar temples, though these, no doubt, were retained merely as solar emblems ages after their use as actual instruments of observation had ceased. An upright stick, carefully plumb, standing on some level surface, may, therefore, well make the first advance upon the natural horizon. A knob on the top of the stick will be found to render the shadow more easily observed.

Branch of Promise Cases.

Should breach of promise cases be encouraged? On the one hand there is sometimes cruel heartlessness displayed by men, in which cases a verdict of thumping money payments is the greatest punishment to the ill-doer; on the other hand, it is not necessarily the most innocent or the most deserving who choose to go into court. The woman who trusts her fair fate to the tender mercies of her lover knows pretty well the consequences of her act, while the really unhappy and ill-used woman who has suffered most, and whose life is completely shattered, shrinks from dragging her woes into the lurid glare of the law courts. Pecuniary payments can, after all, only soothe the outraged feelings, very often the least desirable feelings, those of rage and anger. The tender, confiding female loves on in spite of everything and is probably the last to bear witness against the man who has ruined her prospects. No doubt, ample damages help a future marriage, for such is the strange irony of fate, an acquitted murderer, or a fair woman in a breach of promise case, promptly find numerous applicants anxious to claim her hand.

Our Postal System.

For the first time since 1833 our postal revenues exceeded the expenditures. In that year there was a surplus of nearly \$3,000,000, the second since 1865 (the first being about \$1,800,000 in 1882), and congress got so excited about it that the rate of letter postage was reduced from three cents a half ounce to two everywhere in the United States. This caused a change in 1884 of \$3,000,000 from the credit to the debit side of the account, making a difference in revenues of more than \$6,000,000 in one year. To offset this congress, in 1885, passed an act making the letter rate two cents an ounce, or fraction thereof, and in that year the expenditures exceeded the revenues by over \$7,000,000. The deficit in 1897 was nearly \$12,000,000.

INSIDE YOUR WATCH.

Hundreds of Years of Study on the Balance Wheel.

If you own a watch open it and look at the little wheels, springs and screws, each an indispensable part of the whole wonderful machine. The busy little balance wheel alone is the result of hundreds of years of study and experiment. The watch I have before me is composed of 98 pieces, and its manufacture embraces more than 2,000 distinct and separate operations. Some of the smallest screws are so minute that the unaided eye cannot distinguish them from the steel filings or specks of dirt. Under a powerful magnifying glass a perfect screw is revealed. The slit in the head is two one-thousandths of an inch wide. It takes 308,000 of these screws to weigh a pound, and a pound is worth \$1,585. The hairspring is a strip of the finest steel about 9/4 inches long, a hundredth part of an inch wide and twenty-seven ten-thousandths of an inch thick. It is coiled up in spiral form and finely tempered. The process of tempering was long held a secret by a few fortunate ones possessing it, and even now is not generally known. Their manufacture requires great skill and care. The strip is gauged to twenty one-thousandths of an inch, but no measuring instrument has yet been devised capable of fine enough gauging to determine beforehand by the size of the strip what the strength of the finished spring will be. A twenty-thousandth part of an inch difference in the thickness of the strip makes a difference in the running of a watch of about six minutes per hour. The value of these springs when finished and placed in watches is enormous in proportion to the material from which they are made. A comparison will give a good idea. A ton of gold is worth \$627,915. A ton of steel made up into hairsprings when in watches is worth \$7,882,290—more than twelve and one-half times the value of pure gold. Hairspring wire weighs one-twentieth of a grain to the inch. One mile of wire weighs less than half a pound. The balance gives five vibrations every second, 300 every minute, 18,000 every hour, 432,000 every day and 157,680,000 every year. At each vibration it rotates about one and a quarter times, which makes 197,100,000 revolutions every year. In order that we may better understand the stupendous amount of labor performed by these tiny works let us make a few comparisons. Take, for illustration, a locomotive with six-foot driving wheels. Let its wheels be run till they shall have given the same number of revolutions that a watch gives in one year and they will have covered a distance equal to twenty-eight complete circuits of the earth. All this a watch does without other attention than winding once every twenty-four hours. When we compare this with the frequent repairs an engine receives we certainly ought to be willing to have our watches cleaned once a year.—Chicago News.

Berlin Registers 1,000,000 Strangers.

Berlin last year for the first time registered over 1,000,000 strangers who had visited the city. Vienna, which formerly had more visitors than Berlin, counted only a few over 500,000 in 1899, and was surpassed by Munich with 600,000. Dresden had over half a million visitors; Hamburg, Leipzig and Zurich each about 400,000, and Stuttgart, Basel and Dusseldorf each over a quarter of a million.

LIONS, TIGERS AND ELEPHANTS.

What an Animal Trainer Says About Their Traits in Captivity.

"Personally I would rather undertake to train jungle-bred lions than lions that are born in captivity. You may win the regard of the first class, but the others are so accustomed to seeing everybody that they respect nobody. The idea that lions desire to eat up their trainers is preposterous. I feed these lions twelve and a half pounds of fine meat every day at 5 o'clock. If a lion was ravenously hungry the case might be different. When a beast gets mad and knocks you down with a blow from his paw, you must lie still. It would be useless to fight back, for if he should close his jaws no bone would stand the pressure. I do not fear the lion's jaw and teeth—the paws and claws are the things that have left their marks all over my body. Their claws are sharp as fishhooks and take hold in the same fashion. "Yes, I have been tipped by lions a number of times, generally in the fleshy part of the hand and the leg; the teeth have gone clean through with a snap. Still, the claws are the things that make the life of the lion tamer an 'unpreferred risk' in life insurance writing.

"Tigers are much brighter than lions, and can be taught many tricks, but they can never be relied on, as treachery appears to be their disposition and inheritance. They are tremendous fighters, and if they cannot get up a row among themselves they are ready to help others. The closest call I ever had in my life was when a jaguar got over the partition in the big den into the cage occupied by a lion and undertook to take a bone away from the lion. I went in and undertook to drive the jaguar back into her own cage. The beast turned upon me and clawed me horribly, while the lion took a whack at my back. When I was finally dragged out of the cage the new suit of clothes that I wore was a mass of tatters, and I was scarred and bloody from head to heels. This famous fight occurred in Washington with the W. C. Coup show. I had a number of encounters with Wallace, who was set down on the bills as 'the man-eater.' He had chewed and clawed many men, but never eaten one, but he did occasionally feast on a horse. So many stories have been told about Wallace by trainers that never handled him it would be idle for me to repeat them. I had him all the time he was in this country. That famous lion died two years ago in an express car while on his travels.

"Tigers have a fancy for sliding on their backs and getting you at a disadvantage, as they lie and claw upward. The moment you turn to leave a cage they are liable to slide its whole length and drag you down before you can raise your whip. "But take my word for it, the most dangerous animal you can encounter in a menagerie is a 'bad elephant.' I've been with them for forty years, and I know."—Chicago Record.

A Matter of Taste.

The man with the sensitive appetite looked scornfully at his elbow neighbor in the night lunch parlor when he saw him scatter his pepper plentifully over his ice cream.

"Well, of all the frankishness in tastes, that gets me," said the fastidious customer, when the other man, after eating his speckled ice cream with apparent gastronomic relish, had departed.

"That's nothing," responded the proprietor of the restaurant; "we have all sorts of odd customers who season their food in a most incongruous way. One man, whose choice desert is peach meringue, must have it fairly covered with catsup before he will eat it. Another regular customer spreads mustard thickly upon his doughnuts and custard pudding. I had a new one yesterday when a young man started to use the sugar shaker on his fried eggs. The sugar being damp it would not come out readily, and he asked me to fix the shaker for him. Thinking he had made a mistake I told him that was the sugar, and handed him the salt cellar.

"I don't want salt," he said; "I want sugar, and I want you to fix that thing so that it will come out." "I gave him a sugar bowl and he dumped several spoonfuls over his fried eggs, which he seemed to enjoy immensely. Some people prefer sugar on lettuce, tomatoes and other vegetables; others turn up their noses at such a use of the saccharine substance, preferring salt and pepper. There is no accounting for taste in the matter of edibles."—Detroit Free Press.

Deep Areas on the Sea Bottom.

Forty-three areas have been found on the sea bottom lying deeper than three miles. Eight of these are deeper than four miles. These are: Nares Deep in the North Atlantic, Ross Deep in the Antarctic, Weber Deep in the Banda Sea, Challenger, Tuscarora and Sapan Deeps in the North Pacific, and Aldrich and Richards Deeps in the South Pacific. Three of these Deeps contain five-mile holes. They are Aldrich, Tuscarora and Weber Deeps. But the Aldrich Deep hole is the deepest, as was stated above. Yet, deep as it is, in spite of the fact that Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world, if dropped into the hole would sink out of sight in the ocean, that little pinnacle called Sunday Island standing squarely in this five-mile hole is able to rear its head 2,000 feet above the surface of the sea. Incidentally this conveys a vivid idea of the contrast nature is able to make in the matter of high hills and deep holes.

More Names Than Lives.

The cat is called kati in Danish and Dutch, kati in Swedish, chat in French, katti or katze in German, catus in Latin, gatto in Italian, gato in Portuguese and Spanish, kot in Polish, kots in Russian, cat in Welsh, kath in Cornish, catus in Basque and gatz or katz in Armenian.

About ten persons are every year robbed or murdered in Russian railways, and the murderers are seldom caught.

You're Gambling!

It's too risky, this gambling with your cough. You take the chance of its wearing off. Don't!

The first thing you know it will be down deep in your lungs and the game's lost. Take some of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and stop the gambling and the cough.

"I was given up to die with quick consumption. I ran down from 138 to 93 pounds. I raised blood, and never expected to get off my bed alive. I then read of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and began its use. I commenced to improve at once. I am now back to my old weight and in the best of health."—CHAS. E. HARTMAN, Gibbstown, N. Y., March 3, 1899.

You can now get Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in a 25 cent size, just right for an ordinary cold. The 50 cent size is better for bronchitis, croup, whooping-cough, asthma, and the grip. The dollar size is best to keep on hand, and is most economical for long-standing cases.

Cyclones of West Indies.

About 88 per cent of the West Indies cyclones occur in August, September and October. Fortunately most of them are not very destructive in character. The records in the island of St. Thomas, for example, show that in the century and a half preceding 1897 that island suffered from devastating cyclones only seven times though it is the northern and eastern islands, such as St. Thomas, Porto Rico, Cuba and the Bahamas, that are most frequently in the pathway of the severest cyclones.

THE SHOPPER ABROAD.

He Is Not as Easily Sulted in France as He Is in America.

Men accustomed to American clothes are great sufferers in France. It is almost impossible in Paris to get a proper string tie. French collars are ugly in shape—too low for American ideas—and made of heavy linen.

French collar buttons are beneath contempt; they are a joke, and it is an unwise man who has less than three before him when he starts to unbutton his thick, badly fitting collar to his worst-fitting shirt. French shirts are invariably too low in the neck and have yards of superfluous cloth in them. It is impossible to buy in France a negligee shirt with collar attached, although some of the English places will make them at a high price. Shoes are clumsy and dear and the shape of the French hat is not to be trusted. That any of these things shall be all right, one must go to the English tailors and outfitters who have established shops in Paris. These places, while never the equal of the London places, are much more expensive, says the New York Tribune. On the whole, unless a man makes periodical visits to London, he is pretty badly off in Paris so far as clothes are concerned. A woman is worse off, for she can rarely find the things she misses in the London shops. In regard to all cotton things, the Paris shops are huge failures. Decent sheets are \$3 a pair in Paris and, while elaborately trimmed and hand made, underwear is cheaper there than here. Good-fitting, nicely made garments cannot be found for a moderate price. The woman of limited means sighs for the American shops when her stock of underwear gets low. It is almost impossible for a woman to find a decent linen collar in Paris or a ready-made shirt waist that will pass muster. She is, indeed, fortunate if she can get anything of this sort properly made to order at a high price. French women wear cheap underwear and clumsy shoes; the footgear that a French woman shows when lifting her skirt is astonishing. Stockings are expensive and badly shaped, unless one pays the equivalent of 70 cents a pair. This refers only to cotton and lisle-thread stockings, for silk stockings are included among the luxurious articles that are cheap. On the whole, it is cotton and woolen goods that are expensive in France. These articles should be cheaper in England than they are in America, and they are; but they are so poorly made-as to be impossible for American taste. In combining comfort and style with a modest price, no European country equals America.

Nobility of Ascent.

If there be no nobility of descent, all the more indispensable is it that there should be nobility of ascent—a character in them that bear rule so fine and high and pure, that as men come within the circle of its influence they involuntarily pay homage to that which is the one pre-eminent distinction, the royalty of virtue.—John Stuart Mill.

Negroes Who Hold Sheep Skins.

Two thousand two hundred and fourteen negroes, including 235 women, have taken degrees from institutions of every sort. All have been self-supporting, and letters from half of them report an average assessed valuation of real estate of \$2,500.

Japan has passed a bill to prohibit boys under twenty years of age smoking.

Best For the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. CASCARETS help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. CASCARETS Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C. C. C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

Twenty million dollars in gold has been received at Seattle within twelve months from Alaska. Reports on the gold brick trade farther east have not been made public.

Sweat and fruit acids will not discolor goods dyed with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES. Sold by all druggists.

According to the report of the Commissioner of Education 17,500,000 Americans are in school. One-fourth of our people are preparing by school life for life's school.

Germany consumes about 860,000 pounds of sugar daily.

Good Position.

Trustworthy men wanted to travel. Expert, one not absolutely necessary. For particulars, address Peabody Trust Co., Wks., Bedford City, Va.

London has a larger commerce than any other city in the world. Liverpool comes next, and Hamburg probably ranks third, although Antwerp closely approaches her.

An editor at Dawn, Mo., has named his paper The Twilight.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

About the only difference between laughing and crying is that laughing draws the corners of the mouth up and crying pulls them down.

Wanted.

A traveling salesman in each southern state; \$50 to \$60 per month and traveling expenses; experience not absolutely necessary. Address Peabody Tobacco Works Co., Penick, Va.

Many people impress you as having the life worked out of them, while others impress you as being in need of something to do.

Have you ever experienced the joyful sensation of a good appetite? You will if you chew Adams' Peppermint Fruit.

Eggs and mulberry trees were sent out to Georgia by the British government shortly after the settlement of the colony.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BACON POWDER TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

Don't be too sure it is a compliment to be told you sing like a bird. The screech owl is a bird.

H. H. GREEN'S SONS, of Atlanta, Ga., are the only successful Dropsy Specialists in the world. See their liberal offer in advertisement in another column of this paper.

The people who talk about "vulgar trades" are usually the ones who never pay their bills.

FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. \$2 trial bottle and treatise free. Dr. H. K. KLINE, Ltd., 301 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

The letters of Bismarck to his wife, which are soon to be printed, are about five hundred in number, and cover the years 1847-1892.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRIEN, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 35c a bottle.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

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THE BIOGRAPH FIEND.

Public Men's Terror. Who Threatens Peace of Notables.

The camera fiend is bad enough, and there is a continual protest against him by every person in whom the public takes an interest. But the biograph fiend, who is threatening the peace of notables, is much worse.

Kinoscope pictures are about to be put within the reach of everyone. A London concern has established a studio where people may go to have moving pictures taken of themselves, just as they now go to be photographed, and a cheap apparatus for the reproduction of films is sold, which, while not so good as those used in the theaters and nickel-in-the-slot devices yet answers the purpose. The manager of the studio says that it is in demand for weddings. The bride and bridegroom, bridesmaids, best man and all the rest are photographed while the wedding ceremony is being performed, and the happy pair and their friends have copies of the films as souvenirs of the occasion. But this is not the worst. A cheap biograph machine has been invented, by which a person may take hundreds of snapshots of anyone whom he chooses, and reproduce them. It is but natural for the owner of a few biograph strips to want other films for his machine.

The worry to public people will be great. They will be the sufferers. For instance, instead of Gov. Roosevelt's children being photographed in bathing, the biograph fiend will take snapshots of their movements, and reproduce them on the screen as living pictures. The aim of the fiends naturally would be to secure statesmen in the most undignified attitudes possible.

Not being untutored in suffering, I learn to pity those in affliction.—Virgil.

Patience is God's foster daughter.—Terullian.

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County Judge—A. P. Longshore.
County Clerk—John P. Pearson.
County Solicitor—W. R. Oliver.
Terms of Court—Fourth Monday in February, May, August and November.

Probate Court—Second Monday in each month.

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Probate Court—First Mondays in May and July.
Chancery Court—First Mondays in June.

Beat 1—B. L. Moore, Court Clerk.
Beat 2—W. E. Seale, Sheriff.
Terms of court every Wednesday.

The money of the State is going like chafe against the wind.

The Legislature has passed a bill appropriating \$65,000 to the Montevallo Girls Industrial School.

It seems that the Legislature is hardening the surplus money accumulated during the administration of Governor Johnston with little care.

The manipulators of the Constitutional Convention Bill may think they have handy-capped the people of the State, but Alabama people can yet boast of the privilege to vote and the sentiment now so popular in the Democratic party to disfranchise illiterate voters of this State will be overwhelmingly defeated by the defeat of the Constitutional Convention.

We clip from the Southern Mercury a part of Gov. Waite's views and which deserves the careful consideration of every Populist in the United States. These are facts which can not be successfully denied, and Populist should heed the wise and able arguments of such men as Gov. Waite and Thomas E. Watson. They are men who have stood the test and who are Populist from principle and not for office or reputation. We regret that space will not permit us to give all the article written by Gov. Waite, as it is so full of logic and wisdom, but we clip the part which we believe should most concern our people. It should make every Alabama Populist's heart leap with joy to see our fellow-citizen and most honored servant of reform, M. W. Howard's name mentioned by Gov. Waite as the next presidential candidate of the Populist party. It is clearly shown that not only the Alabama Populist admire and love the gallant statesman—Howard, but that the result of his earnest and faithful work is being felt throughout the land. With such men as Waite, Watson, Howard and many others we might mention, still pleading for the cause of the people, victory will some day be awarded. The Populist of Shelby county, State of Alabama and of the United States ought awaken to their duty, stand firm and mighty for their great cause, which in the language of T. E. Watson, of Georgia, "will come again."

Mistakes of The Peoples Party.

First—In 1912 we nominated Weaver for president—a man without political stamina or integrity, who has since abandoned the principles of the People's party, peregrinating through all the congressional districts of Iowa, where the Democratic and fusion parties were in the majority, seeking a fusion nomination for congress only to be badly beaten in every "scrub race." As a presidential candidate he ignored the candidate for vice-president on his own ticket, to stump the South with Mrs. Lease, in utter disregard of the Southern prejudice against woman stumpers, and against the earnest advice of his political friends.

Second—In 1896 we nominated Bryan and Watson without making any provision for turning down Bryan, either if he ignored his own Populist nomination or opposed the election of Watson.

Third—In 1900 we nominated Barker and Donnelly—both good men—and they received my support at the late election. But their nomination was very poor policy. As a result, over a million and a quarter Populist votes and the electoral vote of 1892 have gone glimmering. We have less Populist voters than Prohibition or the Debs party. The campaign of 1900 gives us not an electoral vote, and the popular vote for the People's party is not enough in any state to put us on the ballot under the Australian law, except by petition.

We must cease to be fools.

WHAT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY?

There is no safer guide in the obscure field of politics than the lamp of experience. But a few days ago the Greenback party was a majority of the Democratic party, and with the Democratic party, the great body of this election in the late election committed suicide.

Are fools, who brayed in a war, will never learn wisdom? Shall we have the horse sense to God has placed in man, which Where was the People's party born? Where does its strength lie? Where are our main and vital principles forced to the front as a result of issues involving suffrage and the dearest rights of man?

Clearly in South. The Farmers Alliance—the father of the People's party—originated in Texas.

At this very moment the Farmers' Alliance sentiment dominates a majority of the southern states properly organized will sweep the south and west. Maryland, West Virginia and Kentucky have just voted for McKinley, and even Missouri is close! The "solid Democratic South" is smashed.

Since the war the most unjust and unreasonable discrimination has been exercised against the south by all political parties as to Presidential candidates. Even that portion of the Democratic party which was in sympathy with secession, and might properly be called "copperheads," joined the crusade against the southern candidates.

What was not only our duty at the Cincinnati convention on the score of even handed justice, but also our interest as a political party? Certainly the nomination of a Southern man for president, and such must continue to be our national policy until a majority of southern people at a presidential election shall deliberately reject their own statesmen.

Let us do justice to the South and nominate southern patriots on our presidential ticket, ignoring those played "old hens" of the cotton states, who from low and hell-born envy, oppose southern patriots. Let us appeal to southern chivalry and patriotism, and nominate at our next national convention Howard, of Alabama, for president, and J. A. Parker, of Kentucky, for vice-president, or a platform reaffirming the immortal truths of the Omaha platform, and reinforced by the initiative and referendum and government and municipal ownership of public utilities, and control of public franchises, and perhaps war upon intemperance, and we are the coming party. Survival of political parties chosen by the Almighty for the regeneration not only of the republic but of nations.—Davis H. Waite in Southern Mercury.

The telegraph operators on the Santa Fee Road in Texas are on a strike, the number of operators out are 3,500.

Progressive Agriculture.

Cotton is one of the commodities which we import, and which, it seems, we should be able to grow in this country, with its vast range of climate and rich soil conditions. We are now importing each year millions of dollars worth of Egyptian cotton, and this is but one of a number of our corresponding expenditures. An intelligent effort is being made to put a stop to this cotton leak.

The following outlines the nature of what is thus being done: "The Egyptian cotton has a very fine, silky fiber, generally shorter than that of sea island cotton, but longer than that of upland varieties. It is used in the manufacture of fine yarns for the finer qualities of hosiery and knit goods. It does not come into direct competition with our upland cotton, the fiber of which is too coarse for the finer yarns. Some attempts to grow Egyptian cotton have been made in this country, and in 1894 the United States Department of Agriculture imported and distributed a stock of Egyptian seeds. The experiments with these have shown promising results, but there is need of further trial to determine the exact conditions under which this cotton can be grown to best advantage."

Danger From Fire.

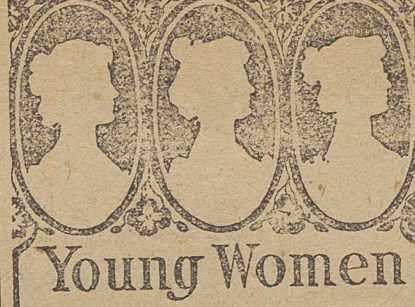
The most difficult problem which confronts the human family is that of constructing houses which will be safe. That might to some seem an easy one to solve, but it hasn't been done, all the same. It is an actual, if lamentable fact, that no man can go to sleep in one of our large hotels with any certainty that he will not be roasted before morning, and the same uncertainty attaches to visitors to theatres and large halls, and not infrequently the homes of the wealthy. Even some of the larger and taller buildings in our cities are not always safe in cases of fire.

Architects are continually building, "fire-proof," as they would, often with a holocaust of victims in the ruins. And many houses provided with fire-escapes which would puzzle the ordinary human being in the daytime, with nothing to confuse or hurry him, but at night, with all the hurry and confusion of raging flames, no one but an expert trapeze performer would have any chance to use the alleged means of escape. Under such circumstances a majority of people would be as likely to escape from the Cretan labyrinth as they would through the average apology for fire-escapes.

Possible an absolutely fire-proof building may be an impossibility as long as anything of an inflammable nature is contained in the house, but it does seem that all large buildings of every kind could be so constructed that escape from them would be rapid and easy at all times and under all circumstances. Various States and municipalities have laws and ordinances intended to prevent loss of life from burning buildings, but these regulations are carried out in such a manner that they are a delusion and a snare. Such means of escape as would be really effective cost money and are consequently not provided. Houses can be so built, we are sure, that all the inmates could easily escape in case of fire, but it will not be done unless more stringent laws are enacted or more care taken to enforce them. And in the mean time houses will burn down and lives be sacrificed on the altar of carelessness and parsimony.—Exchange.

The noted Gafford trial has been in progress for several days past at Montgomery. It will be remembered that Gafford has been tried twice before and convicted for the murder of F. B. Loyd. The third trial which came to an end Monday resulted in a verdict of not guilty.

"Their engagement is broken, I understand."
"Oh, yes."
"What was the reason?"
"Why, both were satisfied that they could live on bread and cheese and kisses, but when they got down to details they discovered that each of them contemplated supplying nothing but the kisses."
—Chicago Post.



Young Women

The entry into womanhood is a critical time for a girl. Little menstrual disorders started at that time soon grow into fatal complications. That female troubles are filling graveyards proves this. Wine of Cardui establishes a painless and natural menstrual flow. When once this important function is started right, a healthy life will usually follow. Many women, young and old, owe their lives to Wine of Cardui. There is nothing like it to give women freedom from pain and to fit young women for every duty of life. \$1.00 bottles at druggists.

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THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

He told her that for friendship sake, A Christmas gift he'd like to make. She murmured—eyes upon her shoe—"A nice engagement ring would do."

Max Lefkovits spent Sunday in Talladega.

The steam gin here is still ginning cotton.

N. A. Graham was up from Calera Monday.

W. J. Sewell, of Weldon, was in town Monday.

Several parties are on tapis for Christmas week.

T. L. Seale, of Calera, was in the city last Friday.

G. W. Nivens, of beat 9, was in the city Monday.

W. A. Tallant, of Calera, was in the city Tuesday.

G. L. Armstrong, of Canardaque, was here Monday.

Mrs. J. R. Beavers visited relatives at Irtan last week.

The merchants are anticipating a large trade next week.

James Evans, of Wilsonville, spent Sunday in the city.

J. H. Hammond spent Monday in Birmingham on business.

Columbiana is on a boom—she now has two dago stands.

E. T. Hunter spent a few days in Birmingham last week.

A party of fox hunters passed through our city Monday.

J. L. and M. Ray, of Wilsonville, were in town Monday.

E. W. Bell, of town a short while, was in Ed. Duran, of Birmingham, visited relatives here this week.

Holcombe, of Weldon, was a visitor to the city Monday.

Claude Glenn, of Shelby, spent Sunday afternoon in the city.

Jim Sammons has a position with J. Q. Wade as steersman.

Arts A. M. Elliott has been on the job list for the past week.

J. W. Dykes, of Easowille, was in the city Monday on business.

A large crowd of country people were in town shopping Monday.

Phillip Erick spent a day of Tuesday and Wednesday in Calera.

E. P. Quigley, of Birmingham, was in the city Monday on business.

W. A. Parker and O. O. B. spent a short while in Calera Sunday.

J. H. Hammond has sold out his grocery store to J. Q. Wade, of Calera.

Wheat sowing in our vicinity is now receiving the attention of our farmers.

Mrs. C. J. Seabrooks, of Talladega, spent a few days in the city last week.

Mrs. S. B. Strickland returned last Friday from a visit to relatives at Centerville.

Miss Mary Finley and Bernard Finley are visiting relatives in Opelika this week.

W. B. Seale and wife, of Shelby, spent a few hours in the city Sunday afternoon.

Only one more issue before Christmas. We will take a vacation until January 3d.

Arthur Haley, of Bessemer, visited his sister, Mrs. Thompson the first of the week.

The savage who wears a coat of paint doesn't scold his wife because of a missing button.

The dog and pony show gave a performance here yesterday.

Christmas is only two weeks off, and everybody are making preparation for the occasion.

M. Carl Cooper, of Columbus, Ga., visited the family of B. W. Brand Sunday and Monday.

Charlie Brooks, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned to his home in Illinois last Friday.

Tax Collector Robertson and Assessor Pitts have finished up their last round collecting and assessing taxes.

Died on Saturday December 8th, the fifteen months old child of Mr. and James D. Morrow, and was buried at Campbranch Sunday afternoon.

The Southern Railway has on sale winter tourist tickets to all prominent resorts for the winter season. Elegant service on quick and convenient schedule.

A bill has been introduced in the General Assembly authorizing the county to issue bonds for the purpose of building a new courthouse in the place of the present one.

We will take a vacation until January 3d.

Rev. T. K. Roberts preached an interesting sermon at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a.m., and Rev. T. P. Roberts filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday night.

The Sunday schools of our city will unite and have a Christmas tree for the little ones. A committee was selected last Sunday at the different schools to meet and arrange plans for the tree.

The difficulty which occurred on Yellowleaf December 5th, between Dayton and Jasper Gilbert and Billie Robertson, Tem Evans and Dudley was called before Judge A. P. Longshore on last Monday and settled.

The Southern Railway changed the schedule last Sunday, the south bound passenger train now arrives at 1:30 p. m., the train now arrives at 1:55 p. m., and the local going south 11:35 a. m., and the local going north 4:20 p. m.

We call attention of our readers to the change of Pearson & Co's. advertisement. Those who are contemplating buying Christmas gifts for the children or grown people or if you need clothing, for fall or winter wear go and see them before buying elsewhere.

Married at the home of the bride on last Sunday morning at nine o'clock, Mr. Ed. Carden and Miss Josie Acker. Rev. Mr. Lowry officiating. Mr. Carden is the son of our county treasurer, L. J. Carden, and Miss Acker is well known and loved by all in her community.

On last Sunday afternoon a marriage took place at the residence of A. P. Longshore on East Orange street, the contracting parties were Mr. Knox Nivens and Miss Mary Riley. Judge Longshore tied the knot. The bride is the daughter of N. J. Riley, of beat 9.

During the pretty moonlight nights a week, a party was made up for a "possum" hunt. Several gentlemen accompanied by two young ladies, chaperoned by J. R. White, left early in the night in search of possums, but the hunt turned out to be one of hunting a possum dog, the party returned to the city with a dog and possum.

On last Thursday evening about sunset Johnnie H. was while playing with a miner's lamp accidentally set his clothing on fire and before the flames were extinguished received injuries from which he died Saturday morning. Johnnie is the son of June H. and a prosperous farmer of beat 9 and lives about fifteen miles north of our little city.

All blacksmith work guaranteed at Shelby by J. A. Barker.

If one half the world knew how the other half lived what a lot of surprises there would be.

Notice.

I have this day sold my stock of fancy groceries to J. Q. Wade, who will continue business in my old stand, I thank you all for your patronage and bespeak for my successor your liberal patronage.

J. H. Hammond.
December 8, 1900.

\$50.00 Reward.

For the apprehension with evidence to convict, the vandals who removed taps from my wagon on Main street about November 23rd, and the removal of cart from brick yard about December 4th. If done by different parties \$25.00 in each case.

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Columbiana, Ala.

Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Shelby county is hereby called to meet at Columbiana, Ala., on Friday December 14th, to consider ways and means of improving the public roads of the county. Every beat in the county is earnestly requested to send a delegation of its best and most enterprising citizens.

A. P. Longshore,
R. J. Griffin,
L. R. Kendrick,
Pleasant Shaw,
Commissioners.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful stomach, liver and kidney remedy. Cures dyspepsia, loss of appetite. Try it. Only 50 cts. For sale by Hall, the druggist.

To the Public.

Having bought out the entire stock and good will of J. H. Hammond, I desire to inform his customers and the public generally that I am now engaged in the family grocery business at Hammond's old stand (Mrs. Armstrong's new brick store), and that I will keep constantly on hand fresh and pure goods of all kinds usually sold in any line. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to come and see me in my new store and examine and price my goods. I would be greatly pleased for all of Hammond's customers to continue their patronage with me at the old stand. You will find that I will sell you your groceries as cheap as the cheapest and treat you as right in every way. I want to get new customers out of the trade of the late J. H. Hammond and give them a trial and by fair dealing, pure goods and low prices I hope to deserve a continuance of your patronage. I have also a full line of choice Christmas goods of all kinds.

Tortured a Witness.

Intense suffering was endured by witness T. L. Martin, of Dixie, Ky., before he gave this evidence: "I coughed every night until my throat was nearly raw; then tried King's New Discovery which gave instant relief. I have used it in my family for four years and recommend it as the greatest remedy for coughs, colds and all throat, chest and lung troubles. It will stop the worst cough, and not only prevents but absolutely cures consumption. Price 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottle 10c at Hall's drug store.

Call on Mrs. J. W. Peers for sewing of all kinds, prices as cheap as is consistent with good work. At Morgan's place on West College street. Also for sale Sofa pillows, Chair cushions, Pin cushions and other fancy articles nice for Xmas presents. All done in crazy patch work.

All blacksmith work guaranteed at Shelby by J. A. Barker.

If one half the world knew how the other half lived what a lot of surprises there would be.

Christian Endeavor.

Program for Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday afternoon December 16th.
Subject—Confessing Christ.
Leader—Rufus O'Hara.
Song.
Prayer—By Rufus O'Hara.
Song.
Scripture Lesson, Mat. 10; 32-39.
Talk—By Leader.
Song.
Talk—Four Points Pertaining to Confession.—A. P. Longshore.
Song.
Readings on the subject.
Song.
Prayer and dismissal.

Obituary.

Nash.—Lily Pearl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Nash, was born September 27, 1893, and died October 10, 1900. A sweet little girl, had too pure and perfect a heart for this world; she was transplanted in Heaven, there to bloom in the beautiful City of God. Just at sunrise on the morning of her death, her sweet little voice is forever hushed, the dear little hands will never pat papa and mamma's cheek again, and for hearts, a "fading" right and happy, is dark and desolate. The little playthings lying around the empty cradle, and the wee is gone and we are alone; yet we thank God for the assurance that she is safe in the arms of Jesus, and will never suffer again. We can never see our baby on earth, but God helping us we will meet her in a brighter world, where there will be no more pain or death. Sleep on precious angel, papa and mamma are coming by and by.

GRANDMOTHER.

Dogwood, Ala., Dec 6th.

A Keen Clear Brain.

Your best feelings, your social position or business success depends largely on the perfect action of your stomach and liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by Hall, the druggist.

Indispensable.

F.—"What are you going to give Bessie for a Christmas gift?"
A.—"I think I shall give her a full length mirror for her room."
F.—"That settle the question easily enough. I shall give her a tough and durable floor rug to go to the front of it."

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flowers still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers' and grandmothers' never thought of us—druggists' Doctors were scarce and they seldom heard of Appendix, Nervous Prostration or Heart Failure, etc. They used August Flowers to clean out the system and the fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. Sold by Hall Drug Co.

The city council held a meeting last Friday night in the office of Thetford & McMillan and tabled the hog law.

World's Champion.

I tried many remedies to cure piles, writes W. R. Smith, of Latham, Ill., but found no relief till I used Buckle's Arnica Salve. I have not been troubled with piles since. It's the only champion pile cure on earth and best salve in the world, 25c a box, for sale by Hall, the druggist.

Practical horse shoer at Shelby, J. A. Barker.

Some men are so very good that it is a question what they are good for.

Weldon.

Andrew Jackson, of Birmingham, is visiting friends here.

J. W. Hall, of Wilsonville, was in our town Friday.

Sol. Spearman, of Redlawn, was in the city Saturday.

S. K. Cross, of Creswell, was in our community Thursday horse swapping.

D. G. Sullivan, of Columbiana, was in our community Friday.

George Lyons was the happy guest of Miss Lela Baldwin Sunday.

Huston Nelson has accepted a position as clerk and assistant postmaster at Gates city.

Rev. A. J. Johnson will preach at Union Sunday at 11 a. m.

The way one will yet get to eat the yellow bread.

D. W. Sharbutt went to Columbiana Monday.

He paid Birmingham a business trip last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. girl, man, of Weldon, of Birmingham, is visiting homefolks.

POST BILL.

Dunnivant Items.

Health of community good.

Mrs. Phelps, of Birmingham, was in town Sunday on a visit to her son L. D. Phelps.

Commissioner J. T. Glaze was in our vicinity Saturday on business.

W. H. Hulse and wife was in town Friday.

The Central Railroad Co., are extending the spur track at Dunnivant which will be a great benefit to the sawmill and cotton operators in giving them good room for loading.

L. Morgan and family went to Leeds Sunday on a visit to relatives.

J. E. Dorrough and Leonard Morgan, two miners, of Henry Ellen, was in our midst Sunday shaking hands with their many friends.

The contract to build a county bridge across the Little Tunnel branch near this place was let last Saturday to E. R. Isbell.

H. L. Dorrough and wife, who moved from here to Tallay factory some time ago, has moved back to Sterrett where he will live, he reports business dull at the factory.

Cow Box.

What a Woman Thinks.

Philadelphia Times.

A woman can have no higher ideal in life than to be good.

The small boy is announcing what he expects for Christmas.

You can't blame the star actor for trying to make a show of himself.

You can tell a great deal about a woman's taste from the perfume she uses.

Never give away a present that you feel you would rather keep for yourself.

What some people think they do not know isn't to be found in the encyclopedia.

Reduced Rates.

On account of Christmas holidays the Southern Railway will sell tickets from all points on its lines east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers at a rate of one and one-third fare for round trip. Tickets will be sold December 22, 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1900, also return January 4, 1901. This gives excellent opportunity to parties contemplating spending the holidays with friends at their old homes. For further information call on Southern Railway Ticket Agents.

Get your horse shod at Shelby, J. A. Barker.

\$1,500 WORTH OF CLOTHING

MUST BE SOLD OUT TO CLEAR UP FOR

SPRINGLINE

ALL WHO WANT A

CHEAP!

Come before they are picked over

CHEAP!

Big Spring line to come!

BIG LINE OF SHOES

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All who want fair dealings and fair prices, come to see us.

IT WILL PAY YOU WELL

to Come for miles to buy a bill from TEN DOLLARS up.

We will furnish you next year on good papers.

Yours to serve

J. P. PEARSON & CO.

COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA.

Pointed Paragraphs.

From the Chicago News.

A set of false teeth is an emblem of time.

The man who possesses a million is a capital fellow.

Every little vice is the subject of a lot of advice.

Many a married man who isn't exactly smart is shrewed.

The baker may not want for bread, but he has his hour of knead.

Love doesn't laugh at the minister, and he is love's locksmith.

A schoolboy says there are too many switches on the road to knowledge.

It is the acme of impoliteness for ruin to stare a man in the face.

When a tricky jockey holds the reins the race isn't always to the swift.

When it comes to word painting the sign painter is at the top of the ladder.

In the pulpit and on the stage the supply is often inadequate to the demand.

Love makes the world go round only when the lovers are intoxicated with happiness.

A sporting man says the only way it is possible to beat the weather reports is to play them to lose.

The north pole is much like a woman's pocket. We all know where it should be, but we can't find it.

When one woman is inclined to be charitable and doesn't care to express her opinion of another she merely says she is queer.

A man is in luck if he lends a friend an umbrella and lives long enough to get it back.

Many a man boast of his ancestors whose ancestors would be ashamed to admit he belonged to the family.

The man who suddenly came contact with a goat did not go to consult a dictionary to find what abutment meant.

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LOCOMOTOR ATAXIA.

Men Who Travel Much Prone to Suffer from This Disease.

This distressing affection, known also as Tabes dorsalis, is a disease of the spinal cord occurring usually in middle life, between thirty and fifty years of age, but sometimes in children as young as ten or twelve years. It is believed to be due primarily to some constitutional trouble, but is brought on often by exposure to changes of weather, by physical or mental overwork, and by whatever depresses the general health. It is said that railroad men and others who travel much are prone to suffer from this disease. Men are affected more often than women. The first sign of the disease is usually a numbness of the feet and an uncertainty in walking, especially in the dark. The patient feels constantly fatigued, without apparent reason, and sometimes slight attacks of dizziness are complained of. The difficulty in walking gradually increases, and then an awkwardness in the use of the hands is noticed. This becomes very apparent if the patient is made to shut his eyes and try to touch the end of the nose with the index finger. A well person can usually place the finger on or very near the nose, but one suffering from locomotor ataxia is as likely to touch the eye or the chin. There is also frequently a feeling of constriction about the waist, as if a cord were tightly tied around the body. Sharp, darting pains may be felt in the legs, and sometimes there is severe pain in the stomach, perhaps with vomiting. Not uncommonly there is irregular action of the bowels and bladder. The eyes are often affected, the sight gradually growing dim, or double vision being present, and occasionally there is deafness as well. Painless swelling and deformity of one or more joints may occur, and sometimes the bones become so brittle that they break very easily, as in a simple fall. A rare symptom is an ulcer on the sole of the foot, which it is difficult or impossible to heal. Locomotor ataxia is a very slowly progressive disease, lasting sometimes for many years, and seldom in itself a cause of death. When treatment is begun in the very early stages, it is believed that the disease may possibly be cured, but later the most that can be done is to delay its progress and relieve the distressing symptoms.—Youths'.

LIVELY ENCOUNTER.

To a Finish Between a Big Bear and a Blacky Negro.

While at Batesville last week the between a big bear and a blacky mix-up well-to-do colored man living in west of Batesville, near the big Tallapoosa bottom, and a 600-pound black last week. The negro, Constitution, near the bottom, and for two weeks past several bears had made him visit thereto to partake of the delicious roasting ears. Brown is an old bear hunter, and in his day has killed many dozens of them. He built a scaffold in the corn field near where the bears entered, and Monday night, with his trusty gun, he took his stand thereon, intending to bag Bruin while devouring his corn. Now the thrilling part comes, and boys who love to read hair-breadth escapes from wild and ferocious beasts must prepare to hold their breath. The bear came on schedule time and started straight for the negro's shelter. Brown said that he was a tremendously large one, and tried to make good his aim. He only succeeded in wounding him badly, however, and the bear ran off to the woods. Brown called his sons to bring the dogs and a fresh gun, and soon the dogs had the monster bayed in a brush thicket within the field. The moon shone brightly, and he could see the struggle the dogs were having with the game, so to make short work of it he rushed in to get a dead shot, when Bruin turned on him with the ferocity of a Texas cyclone. The negro was knocked down, his arm crushed to splinters, and he was badly bitten and otherwise used up. Brown's oldest son saw the predicament of his father and rushed in, grabbed the rifle and ended Bruin's checked and corn-eating career on the spot. The bear weighed over 600 pounds.

A day for toll, an hour for sport, but for a friend, a life is too short.—Emerson.

Paris has sixty wholesale firms which deal in mushrooms exclusively.

Sure Cure for Colds

When the children get their feet wet and take cold give them a hot foot bath, a bowl of hot drink, a dose of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and put them to bed. They will be all right in the morning.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

will cure old coughs also; we mean the coughs of bronchitis, weak throats, and irritable lungs. Even the hard coughs of consumption are always made easy and are frequently cured.

Three sizes: 25c., 50c., \$1.00.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express a large bottle to you, all charges prepaid. Be sure and give us your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION

CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

SILVER KING OF CHILE.

ROMANTIC CAREER OF THE RICHEST YANKEE IN SOUTH AMERICA.

How Geo. B. Chace Found a Mine Through Friendship With a Spanish Priest—Has Been Grateful for the Favor Which Gave Him Wealth.

"The most successful North American in Chile, and probably the wealthiest of all the Yankees who have sought fortune in the southern continent, is George B. Chace, known in the mineral markets of the world as 'Chile's Silver King,'" writes Douglas White in Ainslee's Magazine.

"But Mr. Chace was not always a Croesus. Thirty-five years ago he left California after a long and futile search for a paying prospect. In 1865 he landed at Iquique, Peru. From there he went to Tarapaca, Chile, where he got work in the nitrate beds. He made friends with old Padre Miguel, who read mass in the little church at Pozo Almonte, a little town in the interior surrounded by the great nitrate deposits. The priest taught Chace the Spanish language and helped him to acquire an acquaintance with the geography of the locality. As soon as Chace had laid aside sufficient from his earnings he would start on a prospecting tour. For nine years he searched and toiled in vain. Chace was beginning to lose heart. One day when he was talking to Padre Miguel about his luck, the old priest told him of a wonderful silver mine in the neighborhood that had been worked by the Spaniards a hundred years before. 'Where was this wonderful mine?' was Chace's first query. And the old priest told of its location somewhere to the northwest of Pozo Almonte, exactly where Miguel could not say, but if memory served him right, there was among the archives of the little church a map of the mine's location. The Spanish discoverers in their gratitude had given to the church an interest in their fortunate find, and with much devotion christened it El Minas de San Pedro y San Pablo (The Mine of St. Peter and St. Paul). So it happened that the map was filed in the old church at the corner of Pozo Almonte's plaza. The old priest gladly promised to look up this map on the morrow.

"The following day from the Spanish archives was brought an old traced with a yellow wax, age, mining location. Down in line of the were the names of the original owners, the date of discovery, and the dedication to the church of the mine's production. Only gave anything like a distinct clue by which the mine might be traced. The map, however, was a modulated him, and with the next dawn the prospector was away on his search. 'The antique map-makers had drafted better than first appearances indicated, and further to aid the search, there had been no change in the trail leading from Huantajaya past the mine's location. Fortune was at last with the Yankee miner. Inside of three days his pick was delving into the abandoned and forgotten pile of tailings. The mine itself was uncovered from the midst of a thick growth of underbrush. Delirious with his great find, Chace made his way back to Pozo Almonte, and thence to the coast. 'An assay proved that the half-worked tailings of the San Pedro y San Pablo were richer than many original discoveries, and it was not a hard matter to secure the required capital for working the find. But the good fortune did not end in the pile of tailings. With his now plentiful supply of money, Chace reopened the mine itself, and with little trouble picked up the lost lead. For years the once abandoned property has paid sums even more fabulous than in the days when the Spaniards crushed their ores under the pressure of patient burros' hoofs and stamp mills were unknown even to the inventive American.

"The relocation of San Pedro y San Pablo was but the beginning of the Chace millions, for in the past twenty-five years he has located several properties which have rivaled the old Spanish find. Among these may be mentioned the Discobadora and San Augustin mines in the interior of the Province of Antofagasta, both of which have yielded millions. His latest enterprise is a bunch of claims in what is known as the Chuquibambilla, a wonderfully rich mineral district well back in the mountains of Antofagasta. These claims promise to be the richest of the Chace properties when their extent is considered, as they number twenty claims in all.

"With all his good fortune, Chile's silver king has not been allowed to accumulate his millions in peace. First came the change in government, when the Province of Tarapaca passed from the hands of Peru into those of Chile at the settlement of the devastating war between these two republics. This meant an overhauling of titles and contented disputes. One of these centered on Chace's properties, with the result that he has during the last twelve years spent more time in the courts of Chile than he has at mining, and after a long, tedious legal battle has at last wiped out any possible question as to his ownership. Meanwhile his great properties have been producing wealth, and in spite of the fact that a Chilean lawsuit is even more expensive than a struggle of the same kind in the United States, he has placed to his credit with English bankers a fortune estimated to exceed five hundred thousand pounds.

"In his affluence he has not forgotten the source of his wealth, and is a constant contributor to the funds of the church."

Rabbit heads with small horns are exhibited in some Swiss taverns for the mystification of tourists. The horns are affixed to the heads by clever and waggish taxidermists.

CHOOSING OFFICE BOYS.

Man Who Employs 200 Tells How He "Sizes Them Up."

George Sexton, who has charge of 200 boys in a big department store, loves to talk about boys. "Boys are not a necessary evil at this establishment," he said; "they are the material out of which men are to be made."

"How do you choose your cash boys, Mr. Sexton?" I asked. "My first question is: 'Where is the boy?' You see, it all depends upon the boy himself. You can judge the boy better from his appearance, his manner, his dress, and the way he comes into an office, than from any description of him. Character shows forth in little things you can't hide it. I take boys by what you might almost term first impressions. I have 'sized a boy up' before he asks me for a place. The removal or non-removal of the hat on entering the office, the respectful and self-respecting way in which he meets my look and questions, all give me an idea of his bringing up and the 'stuff' that is in him. As to appearance, I look at once for these things: polished shoes, clean clothes and clean face, hands and finger nails. Good clothes are not requisites; a boy's clothes may be ragged, his shoes have holes in them, yet his appearance may still give evidence of a desire to be neat. I will not employ a cigarette smoker. If I know it. As for reference, a boy's teacher is the best reference he can have. The recommendation which a good boy in our employ gives a boy applying for a position always receives marked consideration.

"Good cash boys don't stay cash boys long. Some lads who came here as cash boys in 1897 are now junior salesmen. Others have good positions throughout the house. 'A cash boy's first advance is to stock boy, office boy or cadet. A stock boy attends to the boy-wet in whatever stock he is in. A cadet is a general utility boy; an office boy works around some one of the offices of the house. We promote according to merit, length of service, or both combined. Wherever possible, we try to give our oldest employes the preference; but if one boy who has not been here as long as another shows greater fitness for a vacancy, in justice to the house and the boy he gets it. A cash boy here gets two dollars and fifty cents a week; when he has been here three months, three dollars; or, if he has shown marked ability, three dollars and fifty cents.

"The great trouble with the American boy, he doesn't stick. After he has worked hard at one place for six weeks or a year, just as he is in line for promotion, he jumps up his proffers because some new fellow comes in all over again in a new house, learns a new business he must learn. 'We like boyish boys—full of fun. The liveliest are generally the best workers. The boy who loiters when around a message, the boy who sneaks the boy who is unwilling work, and boys who lose positions.' Such are the words of a business man.

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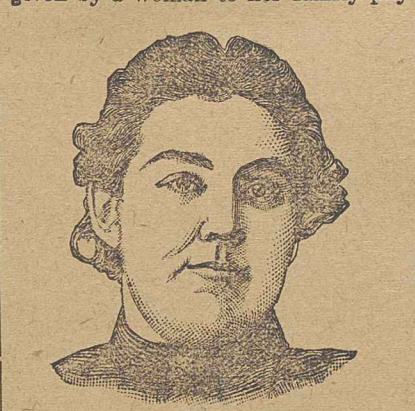
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How gladly would men fly to woman's aid did they but understand a woman's feelings, trials, sensibilities, and peculiar organic disturbances.

Those things are known only to women, and the aid a man would give is not at his command.

To treat a case properly it is necessary to know all about it, and full information, many times, cannot be given by a woman to her family physician.



Mrs. G. H. CHAPPELL.

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Stronger Than a Divorce.

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Those things are known only to women, and the aid a man would give is not at his command.

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Foreign loans are no longer a novelty in the American financial markets.

A California paper says that the men who live on the ranges are notable for their remarkable retentive memories.

Former Secretary of State Sherman is said to have died of simple old age. In spite of an extraordinary busy career, with its incidental mental strain, he is said to have had no distinctly organic disease. The end was simply a general stoppage of the entire vital machinery.

The "abandoned" farms of Massachusetts are fast being taken up. Three years ago there were 330 thus classed in the State. A recent enumeration shows there are now but 133. All the rest have been sold to persons who desired them for cultivation or for summer homes.

By order of the London school board, the teachers in all the schools of that city have tested the sight of the children under their care. Over 23 per cent. were found to have defective vision. These children were given notices, in which the announcement was made to their parents that the pupils were suffering from seriously defective vision, and that their eyes should be treated by oculists without delay.

The Philadelphia Inquirer attaches highest importance to the Anglo-German move, remarking: "It is gratifying to have the most authoritative assurance that if there ever was a danger that Germany would complicate the situation at Pekin, by insisting upon the pursuance of a separate course, that danger has gone by. The terms of the agreement which has been entered into with Great Britain are such as to preclude that possibility."

One of the most prominent facts brought out during the disturbances in China has been the high character of the Japanese troops. In the battle of Tien Tsin, in the march to Pekin, they led the van and bore the brunt of the fight. English and American officers are enthusiastic in their praise, and say they will compare favorably with any soldiers in the allied armies in endurance, bravery and good marksmanship. In discipline they take the lead, and in equipment are fully on a par with others. Instances of individual bravery are given on every hand.

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BRITONS BATTERED BY THE BURGHERS

Clement's Forces Suffer a Signal Knock-Out.

MANY KILLED AND CAPTURED

News of Unexpected Disaster Is Received in England With Greatest Consternation.

A London special says: Lord Kitchener reports that after severe fighting at Nootgedacht, General Clement's forces were compelled to retire by Commandant Delarey, with a force of 2,500 men. Four British officers were killed. The casualties were not reported.

Lord Kitchener's official dispatch to the war office is as follows:

"PRETORIA, December 13.—Clement's force at Nootgedacht, on the Magaliesburg, was attacked at dawn today by Delarey, reinforced by Beyer's commando from Warmbath, making a force estimated at 2,500. Though the first attack was repulsed, the Boers managed to get atop of the Magaliesburg, which was held by four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and were thus able to command Clement's camp. He retired on Heekpoort and took up a position on a hill in the center of the valley.

"The casualties have not been completely reported, but the fighting was very severe, and I deeply regret that Colonel Legg, of the Twentieth Hussars and Captains McBean, Murdoch and Atkins were killed. Reinforcements have left here."

Lord Kitchener also reports that the Boers made an attack and were repulsed at Lichtenberg, and that General Leese was killed. Attacks upon Bethlehem and Vreda were also repulsed, the Boers losing ten killed and fourteen wounded. Veldhul was attacked December 11th. Sniping continued when the message was dispatched.

The scene of the fight is ominously close to Pretoria. Nootgedacht is only twenty miles northwest of Pretoria. It is reported that General Knox, co-operating with the British column at Reddersburg, has stopped General Dewet and that a battle is proceeding. The report adds that many of General Dewet's followers have been captured.

The scenes at the war office Friday recall those witnessed in the early stages of the war. A constant stream of excited and anxious people filled the lobbies. The absence of the names of any of the officers of the Northumberland Fusiliers in General Kitchener's dispatch leads to the foreboding that the four companies of the fusiliers mentioned are in the hands of the Boers.

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IS NOT A DODGER.

Chicago's Police Chief Denies Some Salty Allegations.

Chief Kiple, of the Chicago police, who is alleged in Chicago newspapers to have left that city to prevent an investigation of alleged crookedness in his office, arrived in Jacksonville, Fla., Friday, and in a statement stoutly denied all of the Chicago stories, declaring that he had planned his Florida vacation several days before he left; that he had not and would not resign his office as reported.

'FRISCO IS STORM-SWEPT.

Telegraphic Communication Temporarily Cut Off By the Elements.

One of the most severe storms which ever visited San Francisco broke over the city early Friday morning. Rain and wind swept over the city with unusual violence, accompanied by thunder and lightning, an unusual occurrence.

During the storm the city was entirely cut off from telegraphic communication, the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies losing every wire out of San Francisco.

A SENATE "HOLD-UP."

The Hay-Pauncefote Treaty May Stand in the Way of Subsidy and Canal Measures.

A Washington special says: There is little prospect that the Hanna-Payne ship subsidy bill and the Nicaragua canal bill will pass at this session of congress.

The amendment of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty has put a damper on the canal bill so far as the administration is concerned, and it was semi-officially announced Friday that Mr. McKinley will oppose any effort to pass the canal bill until a satisfactory arrangement is made with Great Britain.

With the strong opposition of the administration forces in the senate the canal bill will go over despite the entreaties of Senator Morgan.

The shipping bill will be talked to death, and strange as it may seem, this will be done by Republican senators. Six or eight senators who bear enmity to Senator Hanna have agreed to fight the shipping bill, and they will talk on it until March 4.

Senator Pettigrew is determined to defeat the bill, and if necessary he will adopt the dilatory tactics to delay action when the regular appropriation bills reach the senate.

They will take precedence over the shipping and canal bills, and the latter will be sidetracked indefinitely, being discussed only at intervals.

The Republicans who will oppose the shipping bill are the personal friends of former Senator Matt Quay, of Pennsylvania, who has inspired them to kill Hanna's pet measure because the Ohio boss deserted Quay at a critical point in his contest for a senate seat, his vote throwing Quay out. Hanna made many enemies by this vote.

EXHIBITS FROM GEORGIA

Will Be Displayed at Buffalo and Charleston Expositions.

Georgia will have an exhibit at the Buffalo and Charleston expositions. The display that was on exhibition at the Cotton States and International exposition in Atlanta in 1895, and which has been on exhibition on the third floor of the capitol since then, will be sent to these two cities.

It is proposed under the bill of Senator Howell, which passed the house of representatives Friday morning, that this exhibition be transported and displayed at Buffalo and later at Charleston.

As under the constitution no appropriation can be made for this purpose, the state is relieved of all liability in transporting and arranging said exhibit.

The exhibit will be in charge of a commission of three, one to be named by the governor and the commissioner of agriculture and state geologist to constitute the other two.

APPROPRIATION "CINCHED."

James Swann Donates \$20,000 to Georgia Technological School.

President Lyman Hall, of the Georgia Technological school, has announced that Mr. James Swann, of New York, formerly of Atlanta, will give the Tech \$20,000.

This rich gift is made to enable the Tech to get the \$16,000 provisional appropriation made by the legislature for a textile equipment and electrical building, which was not to be available until \$25,000 was raised by private subscription.

This fund has been raised, or, at least promised. Five thousand dollars has been promised from various sources and Mr. Swann's contribution completes the fund.

This cinches the appropriation and the Tech gets this year in total, a sum of \$81,000 which will be used for the maintenance of the institution and the proposed improvements.

HOUSE PASSES BILLS.

Some New Measures Acted Upon By Georgia Lawmakers.

The following bills were passed in the Georgia house of representatives Friday:

To amend section 4786 of the civil code; To provide for the registration of voters for the year succeeding that of a general election; To permit the convicts at the state farm at Milledgeville to grade and improve the grounds of the Georgia Normal and Industrial college; To amend section 115 of volume 1 of the code to prevent any one, managers or others, from examining the ballots of primaries after they have been cast; To provide for a state exhibit at the Buffalo and Charleston expositions; To fix the license for selling whisky in Morgan county at \$15,000 per annum; To relieve all Confederate soldiers from the payment of professional tax; To pay the pension of W. P. Fannin to his widow.

Increase Capital Stock.

The Chattanooga, Tenn., Light and Power company has applied for an amendment to its charter, increasing the capital stock from \$150,000 to \$250,000. The additional funds are to be used for improvement of the system.

WILL BEHEAD TWENTY MEN.

Chinese Authorities Taking Summary Action Against Boxers.

Reports from Canton, China, announce that several men have been arrested in the Haping district on charges of having placarded offers of rewards for the heads of foreigners. Twenty of those taken into custody will be beheaded in a few days. A French gunboat has been dispatched to the scene to see that the sentences are properly executed.

TREATY COMES UP IN THE SENATE

Question of Fortification Causes Divergence.

AFFECTS THE NICARAGUA CANAL

Senator Morgan Is Anxious to Have the Matter Disposed of at This Session.

A Washington special says: The Hay-Pauncefote treaty laid before the United States senate Thursday afternoon, has an important bearing on the construction and operation of the Nicaragua canal.

The treaty is in effect an amendment to the famous Clayton-Bulwer treaty, signed more than half a century ago, by the terms of which the United States made a contract with Great Britain relating to the construction, fortification and operation of any canal that might be built across Central America.

Under the old treaty the neutrality of the canal was guaranteed and the United States agreed not to acquire territory in Central America and made other entangling contracts which have caused trouble for this country every time the canal question came up.

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty amends the old treaty so as to permit the United States to acquire a strip of land in Costa Rica and Nicaragua ten miles wide through which the canal will be constructed, but in its original form the Hay treaty does not reserve to this country the right to protect and fortify the canal if it so desires. This is the main point involved and it is the one on which the fight against the treaty has waged for months.

The opponents of the treaty insist upon an amendment leaving the question of fortification open so that the United States will be free to build forts and adopt other protective measures at any time.

The canal is to be neutral and open to the commerce of the world on terms to be arranged by the United States. The isthmian canal commission, headed by Admiral Walker, recently reported that the canal cannot be constructed for the amount specified in the bill, but it would require nearly \$200,000,000 to construct it. The additional cost will not prevent the passage of the bill.

There is a bill pending, introduced by Senator Mallory, of Florida, by request, to create a commission to have charge of the construction and control of the canal. The commissioners are to receive salaries of \$10,000 each per annum.

Senator Morgan, it is known, fears the effect of the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, as amended, on the canal. He thinks there will be long delay in the settlement of the diplomatic question between the United States and Great Britain involved in the fortification amendment, and that the administration will not be willing to allow the canal bill to be passed until this point is settled.

This may mean that the canal bill will have to go over until the next congress. In the latter case it means the old fight over again, as the bill would have to go through the house again as a new measure. Now it has only to pass the senate and for this reason Senator Morgan is anxious to secure its passage in the senate at this session, avoiding a hard and dangerous fight in the next house of representatives. So anxious is he to have the matter disposed of at this session he is willing to have the Hay treaty ratified in its original form, although he appreciates the un-American conditions attached to the instrument.

READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

Li Hung Chang Sends Official Note to Ministers in Pekin.

Advices of Friday from Pekin state that Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have sent an official notification to the ministers that they have received the promised documents authorizing them to act in behalf of China in the peace negotiations and announcing that they are ready to proceed as soon as the ministers desire.

"DEATH TO FOREIGNERS."

Chinese in Hong Kong Attempting to Incite an Uprising.

Advices from Hong Kong state that the city was placarded Thursday with statements inciting the people and the members of the secret societies to unite and rise during the month of January and drive out all the foreigners. The crowds gathered around the placards, but no actual outbreak is reported.

Reports have been received from Canton to the effect that Yung Sung Po, the reformer, has been horribly tortured. Though he was strung up by the thumbs and toes, he would confess nothing.

SAVANNAH IS JUBILANT.

Deeper Channel to the Sea Appears to Be a Lead Pipe Cinch.

Practically positive information comes from Washington that the project for a 28-foot channel from Savannah, Ga., to the sea will be reported upon favorably by the house committee on rivers and harbors, and that liberal provision will be made.

The reason nothing has been made public so far is that the committee has been doing its work in secret.

And Pasha, who made such a terrific fight against the British in Egypt in 1882, and who was defeated, captured and exiled to Ceylon, has been pardoned. He will return to Egypt.

HOONDS "TREL" BURGLARS.

Young Men Steal Money With Which to Pay Lawyers.

A Chattanooga dispatch says: The bloodhounds of Perry Phipps made a sensational catch Friday at Rock Springs, Ga. He received a telegram from J. P. Stanfield, stating that four houses had been robbed of about \$200. The dogs were sent by Constable Connor.

They readily took the trail, and after going about two miles entered a house and indicated two young men by the name of Walter Epsy and Felton Coulter. They were arrested.

It appears that the young men stole the money to hire a lawyer to defend them before the federal court in Atlanta for moonshining. They readily confessed to the deed.

STUDENTS MAKE PROTEST.

Say College President Exhibited Cowardice in Making Appointments.

The open rebellion of the students of the State university at Tuscaloosa, Ala., continues with unabated force. The students attend their recitations regularly and maintain good discipline, but they still contend for a trial of Commandant West and President J. K. Powers.

They are pressing the charge that Mr. Powers has shown partiality to the sons of men with political influence in appointments on the military forces of the college and that he has exhibited cowardice in yielding to such influences.

The charges have been referred to the trustees of the university.

TARGET FOR BRITISH PRESS.

Senators Are Designated as "Jingoes" By London Newspaper.

There is a noticeable absence of comment in the London afternoon papers on the action taken by the United States senate regarding the Nicaragua canal.

The St. James Gazette, however, takes occasion to lecture the "jingo senate," which it says "has again roughly rebuffed the president and affronted the generosity of Great Britain. It declares further that "the action of the senate in ordering that one party shall keep its advantages, but others shall not be safeguarded, is imprudent, and if it persists in this selfish course Great Britain must fall back on her rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, whereby she is entitled to refuse permission to the United States to build the canal."

CHATTANOOGANS KICK.

Move on Foot to Have the City's Charter Radically Changed.

A movement is on foot among the leading citizens of the city to get the next legislature to change the charter of the city of Chattanooga so as to make all of the city officers elective by the people at large. They will also ask that the charter be changed so that all franchises of any value must be given only on a direct vote of the people.

A committee of the leading citizens have been appointed to arrange a bill that will be presented at the coming session and a strong effort will be made to pass it.

MONEY FOR GEORGIA.

Members of Rivers and Harbors Committee Agree on Appropriation.

A Washington dispatch says: The members of the rivers and harbors committee of the house have agreed upon an appropriation of \$225,000 for the improvement of the Brunswick, Ga., inner harbor. The outer harbor item has not yet been decided upon.

The Coosa river, in Georgia and Alabama, will get \$225,000 for improvement work proper, and a sufficient sum to complete the lower locks and keep up the necessary dredging work. The Chattahoochee river will get \$85,000.

READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

Li Hung Chang Sends Official Note to Ministers in Pekin.

Advices of Friday from Pekin state that Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have sent an official notification to the ministers that they have received the promised documents authorizing them to act in behalf of China in the peace negotiations and announcing that they are ready to proceed as soon as the ministers desire.

"DEATH TO FOREIGNERS."

Chinese in Hong Kong Attempting to Incite an Uprising.

Advices from Hong Kong state that the city was placarded Thursday with statements inciting the people and the members of the secret societies to unite and rise during the month of January and drive out all the foreigners. The crowds gathered around the placards, but no actual outbreak is reported.

Reports have been received from Canton to the effect that Yung Sung Po, the reformer, has been horribly tortured. Though he was strung up by the thumbs and toes, he would confess nothing.

SAVANNAH IS JUBILANT.

Deeper Channel to the Sea Appears to Be a Lead Pipe Cinch.

Practically positive information comes from Washington that the project for a 28-foot channel from Savannah, Ga., to the sea will be reported upon favorably by the house committee on rivers and harbors, and that liberal provision will be made.

The reason nothing has been made public so far is that the committee has been doing its work in secret.

CAPITAL A CENTURY OLD

Establishment of the Seat of Government at Washington Celebrated.

MILITARY PARADE AND REVIEW

President Opened the Celebration by a Reception at the White House — He Reviewed the Parade at the Capitol — Exercises in the Hall of the House — Many Governors Present — The Speakers

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The National Capital was in gala attire Wednesday for the celebration of the centenary of the establishment of the seat of Federal Government at Washington. Business, public and private, was suspended, while the President, his Cabinet, the Senate and House Representatives, the Federal judiciary, the Governors of many States, and a great concourse of citizens and visitors joined in the festivities of the day.

"The British flag was given the place of honor in the decoration of the House of Representatives. A few hours later, before even many of the Congressmen had an opportunity to see it the Union Jack was covered with red, white and blue bunting by order of Speaker Henderson, who did not then know that the flags of all nations were used in other portions of the decorations. This is the first time that the British flag has been used either on the inside or outside of the Capitol since the Capitol itself was captured and burned by the British troops on August 25, 1814.

The exercises began with a reception at the White House by the President to the Governors of the States and Territories, ladies and members of their staffs. At 10:30 o'clock the President descended the west staircase, with Secretary Hay, followed by the other members of the Cabinet, except Attorney-General Ogden. To the strains of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" the reception began in the Red Parlor.

The Governors in attendance were Atkinson, West Virginia; Barnes, Oklahoma; Jones, Arkansas; Mount, Indiana; Thomas, Colorado; Tunnel, Delaware; Shaw, Iowa; Rollins, New Hampshire; Voorhees, New Jersey; Tyler, Virginia; Owen, New Mexico; F. Steiengberg, Idaho; Stone, Pennsylvania; Scofield, Wisconsin; Russell, North Carolina; Roosevelt, New York; Lee, South Dakota; Murphy, Arizona; Gregory, Rhode Island; Smith, Maryland; Crane, Massachusetts; Heard, Louisiana; Powers, Maine; Governor Stephens, of Missouri, was represented by Governor-elect Dockery, and Governor Stickney, of Vermont, was represented by Adjutant-General W. H. Gilmore.

Following the reception Colonel Bingham exhibited and explained his model of the proposed enlargement of the Executive Mansion. Of all the records of proposed extensions, that prepared under the supervision of the late Mrs. Harrison came nearest, said to fulfilling certain guiding principles. Mrs. Harrison's plan consists of buildings about the size of the present house, one on the east and one on the west side of the White House grounds, connected to the present mansion by curved wings—the quadrangle being completed by rebuilding the colonnades at the south end of the grounds. This plan maintains the present openness to sun and air toward the south and southwest and preserves the beautiful view to the south. It leaves the present mansion unchanged.

Colonel Bingham was followed by H. B. F. Macfarlane, President of the District Board of Commissioners, whose subject was "Development of the District of Columbia."

The speechmaking at the White House was ended with an address by Governor Shaw, of Iowa, on "Development of the States During the Nineteenth Century." He declared that the close of this century finds Americans the best housed, the best fed, the best clothed, the best educated, the best churched, the most profitably employed and the happiest, because the most hopeful, of any people at any time or under any sky. The great public spectacle was the parade which escorted the President from the

reception to the Governors at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, at which the President was present.

A handsome bronze medal was struck at the United States Mint in Philadelphia in commemoration of the Centennial celebration. A copy of it in gold was presented to President McKinley. The Governors were presented with copies in bronze in special cases stamped with their names. On the obverse are the head of President John Adams and President William McKinley, and on the reverse the Capitol as it was in 1800, and is in 1900.

DECLARED DEAD BY COURT.

Now Dr. Frank, of Tennessee, Writes He is Alive and Prosperous.

Mattoon, Ill. (Special).—Dr. Frank, a prominent physician of Tams Creek, Tenn., has written telling his brother that he is alive and prosperous, although his relatives have mourned him as dead for seventeen years.

Twenty years ago John Frank was a rising young physician in Newton and a member of a wealthy family. He left to seek a new location, and although his relatives sought tidings of him, none came. His father died, and in settling up the estate Frank was officially declared dead by a decree of the Circuit Court, and every one concluded that he was actually so. He assigns no reason for his action.

NATIVES AT GUAM REBUILDING.

Conditions on the Island Improve—Supplies Sent There.

Manila (By Cable).—The United States hospital ship Solace has arrived at Cavite from San Francisco. Her officers say the condition of affairs at the Island of Guam has considerably improved. Dwellings are being restored and the people are resuming their occupations, but the crops are practically all destroyed, though there is no immediate want.

The Solace left supplies there, and the Archthusa has taken a considerable quantity to Guam from Cavite. The reports as to the number of deaths are about unchanged.

Had a Birthday Party at 102.

Mrs. Ruth Curtis, 102 years old, celebrated her birthday anniversary at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hannah Huff, in Kennelbunkport, Me., a few days ago. Mrs. Curtis enjoys almost perfect health.

Brief Uprising in Yucatan.

An armed uprising against Yucatan State Governor a few days ago at Soledad, Yucatan, and about fifty of the leaders were arrested and have been taken to Merida for trial. They will probably all be shot.

Kruger Wishes to See Salisbury.

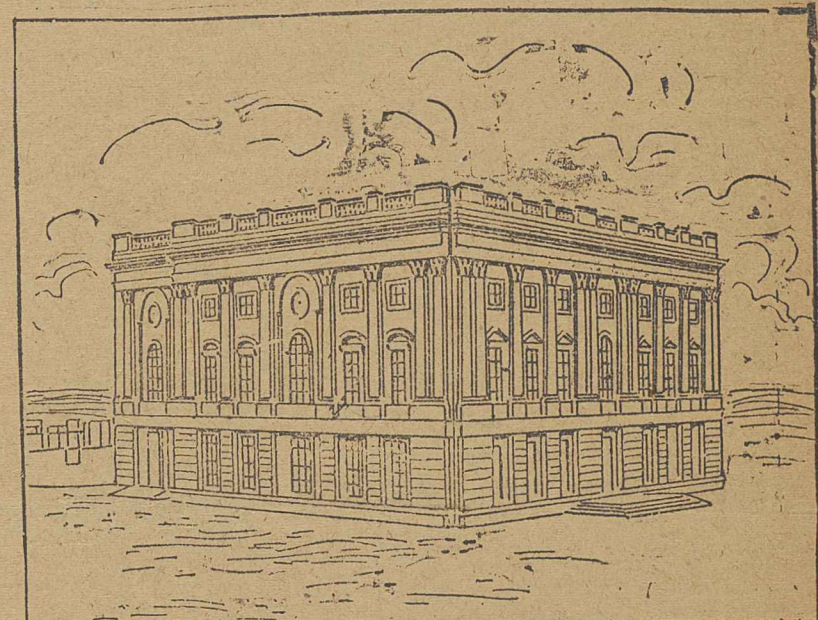
A special dispatch from The Hague, Holland, says it is reported that Mr. Kruger is seeking to obtain a conference with Lord Salisbury.

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CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit Judge—John Felham.
Circuit Solicitor—T. W. Coleman.
Circuit Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—R. F. Cox.
Terms of Court—Eighth Monday after the fourth Monday in January and July, continuing three weeks.

CHANCERY COURT.

Chancellor—R. B. Kelly.
Register in Chancery—J. R. White.
Terms of Court—First Thursday's after second Monday's in March and September.

COUNTY COURT.

County Judge—A. P. Longshore.
County Clerk—John P. Pearson.
County Solicitor—W. R. Oliver.
Terms of Court—Fourth Monday's in February, May, August and November.
Probate Court—Second Monday in each month.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

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Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—R. F. Cox.
Treasurer—L. J. Carden.
Supt. of Education—E. Williams.
Tax Collector—J. H. Robertson.
Tax Assessor—John S. Pitts.
County Surveyors—W. F. Bell and A. P. Dahl.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

First District—L. R. Kendrick.
Fourth District—John T. Glaze.
Second District—Pleasant Shaw.
Third District—R. J. Griffin.
Terms of Court—First Mondays in January, April, July and October. Special Terms—Second Mondays in May and July and first Monday in June.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Beat 1—B. L. Moore, Columbiana; terms of court every Thursday.
Beat 1, box 2—W. E. Seale, Shelby; terms of court every Wednesday.

Mass Meeting.

The Mass Meeting held at the courthouse last Friday was not as largely attended as was desired, but quite a number of citizens from different parts of the county were in attendance, and the meeting was a decided success. Every one present seemed anxious for some system to be adopted to improve the public roads of the county. A committee composed of M. S. Wilson, N. M. Davis, D. R. McMillan, E. L. Crumpton, A. P. Longshore and J. E. Dykes were appointed to make a thorough investigation of the different system of working and improving public roads and report to the next meeting, which is to be held on the 8th day of January next. We hope that the next meeting will be largely attended and that much good may be done to improve the public roads.

One of the most remarkable pieces of local legislation enacted in Alabama is an act displacing the Probate Judge of Calhoun county from his place as ex-officio chairman of the commissioner's court and creating the special office of chairman or president to be appointed by the governor. The act could have but one or two purposes, either as a last resort to get rid of Judge Crook in the court or to make a place for some favorite. Nothing to beat it is on the statute books of Alabama.—Montgomery Journal.

The above shows how far partisan prejudice will go, not only against a Populist, but against a Democrat. Judge Crook, we understand, is a Democrat, and has been all his life, but he is a Johnston Democrat, and therefore falls under the ban. It has been whispered around that if the faction now in control of the legislature should control the constitutional convention, that every officer in the State would be legislated out of office. We think the time has come for all the voters of this State, irrespective of party, should unite for the protection of the people against such unjust legislation.

Birmingham and Brunswick railroads. The citizens of Columbiana should unite to build up our town and make it the best market in the county.

Col. H. Clay Armstrong died suddenly Monday night of heart failure. Col. Armstrong was 63 years of age, at one time he was speaker of the lower house of representatives.

Keep Up The Fight!

From the Southern Mercury.

As the Mercury wishes to know the opinion of Populists in regard to future action, I've but one word to say, "Keep up the fight." None but the coward and the miscreant to free government will ever turn his back to the enemy of his country. Stand by the right! Stand by justice! Stand by the truth! though we have to stand alone and face the wicked tyrants of the world. We know we are right, because our statute books are unmistakable evidence that the Republican and Democratic parties that enacted these laws, are wrong. We know we are on the side of justice, because productive labor has never received any justice from the tyrannical old parties, which have made all laws to order, on short notice, for the corporations, that paid the money for them. We know we are on the side of truth, as the records evidence our government has been run and ruled by perjurers and traitors for a quarter of a century. These old parties, especially the Democratic party, have committed every sin known in the catalogue of crimes, from murder and treason down to petty larceny. Yes, every reformer should fight on. He is fighting for everything that is sacred to himself and to posterity. Better to die in the line of battle than to surrender to a treacherous enemy that will burn him at the stake for the crime of being patriotic. As a well organized army of our enemies cannot be successfully fought by a mob, all reformers should organize at once and be ready for the next battle. Put no half breeds on guard, that can be persuaded to go into the enemy's camp after names to put on our tickets, or can be persuaded to patronize their lying papers.

Twenty days more I'll enter my fourscore years. Have volunteered five times to fight the enemies of my country; but the Democratic and the Republican parties, backed by all corporate monopolies, and the combined money powers, is the most dangerous enemy to free government and the people's liberties I've ever looked in the face of.—Buck Barry in Southern Mercury.

The Army Problem.

Moreover, there is one measure of importance, and aside from the great appropriation bills which make up the ordinary business of the short session, upon which early action, action by the present Congress is imperative. This measure is an army bill. We have at present an army of 100,000. But the authority for the maintenance of such army expires on June 30th next. On that date, unless new legislation be enacted in the interim providing for its maintenance at a higher figure, it must be cut down to 30,000. And the maintenance of our position in the Philippines is dependent on the maintenance, for the present, of our army at its present size. Provision must be made for such maintenance or we must abandon our Philippine policy. Of course the party in power must insist on the making of such provision. Hence the insistence on the early enactment of an army bill that will make provision for the maintenance of our army at its present size. Congress must pass such a bill or virtually decree the dropping of Philippines. In the event of the failure of Congress to act there would be no alternative before us other than withdrawal from the Philippines. In such event no other alternative is supposable unless we want to insult the President by supposing the second alternative that with a truly imperialistic usurpation of power he would keep up the army authorized or unauthorized.

Considering all the conditions it is inconceivable that Congress should fail to act, and act during the present session. For failure to act would make the calling of the Fifty-seventh Congress in extraordinary session imperative.—American.

Gen. Michael J. Bulger, a distinguished Confederate General and a Populist, died Saturday morning at the home of his son in Dadeville. Gen. Bulger was an old living Confederate veteran, being over a hundred years of age. He lived through the administration of all the Presidents with the exception of Washington.

The Twentieth Century.

During the nineteenth century the civilized world has advanced more in those ways which lead to physical comfort than it did in the preceding eighteen combined, and this improvement has come especially to the poorer class, who today live better than the wealthy did two centuries ago.

Steam and electricity and the thousand results which have followed their use have united to bring better clothing, better food, more comforts in the dwellings, the choice of the best literature almost without price, quick communication with all parts of the world by the swift flying steam and electric cars, by the post and telegraph, and by the telephone, and many other things which habitual use has made necessities to the fortunate man of today, but which were either luxuries for the wealthy or impossible for any class a hundred years ago.

Within the past few years dwellers in the country have more and more received the benefits from the wonderful inventions of the century now closing, and the telephone rural mail delivery and electric cars will soon reach millions of those who heretofore have felt that their isolation was the chief drawback to farm life.

Some are disposed to doubt whether the marvelous advance in means for physical comfort has brought with it an advance in spiritual and moral life. Certain it is that the increase in labor saving machines has brought with it an increase in leisure time, and this is now bringing, and will bring, more and more an increase in knowledge from which will grow more vigorously the better elements of our nature, bringing us nearer to the truths taught by the sermon on the mount, from which the world has been advancing ever since they were uttered, sometimes slowly and almost imperceptibly, and again in leaps and bounds.

As we go forward in the twentieth century let us realize that much has been given us and much will be required from us. If we fully act on this realization we can confidently hope that the bells which ring in the new will

"Ring out old shapes of foul desire,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

—Home and Farm.

Appropriation for Coosa River.

BY F. W. GIST.

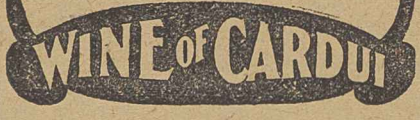
Washington, Dec. 15.—Through the efforts of Hon. John L. Burnett, the Rivers and Harbor bill will contain an appropriation of \$250,000 for the upper part of the Coosa River and \$38,000 for the lower end. This will be expended upon Lock 4, and will be sufficient to complete the work at that point. It was no easy work to get this appropriation recommended by the Committee, for while the members who visited the river were impressed with its importance the report of the Chief of Engineers that it would take \$60,000 to complete the work was not encouraging. This is a very satisfactory start, and will commit the Government to the completion of the work which means so much to the people of that section.

The adulteration of food is an injury to agriculture. The chemist of the United States Department of Agriculture makes this quite evident when he says: "As an illustration of the way in which adulterated foods can injure the farmer's profession may be cited the sale of oleomargarine for butter and of glucose for honey. The food value of oleomargarine and glucose is not denied. They are, however, very much cheaper products than butter and honey. These adulterated foods, unfortunately, are often not offered for sale under their own names, except by legal compulsion, but are placed upon the market under the names of the genuine articles which they are manufactured to imitate. Buyers pay, therefore, as a rule, prices which would be asked for the pure articles. The market for the pure article is diminished just to the extent to which these other substances are sold, and in this way the farmer is injured."

positive interest in the Home and Farm.



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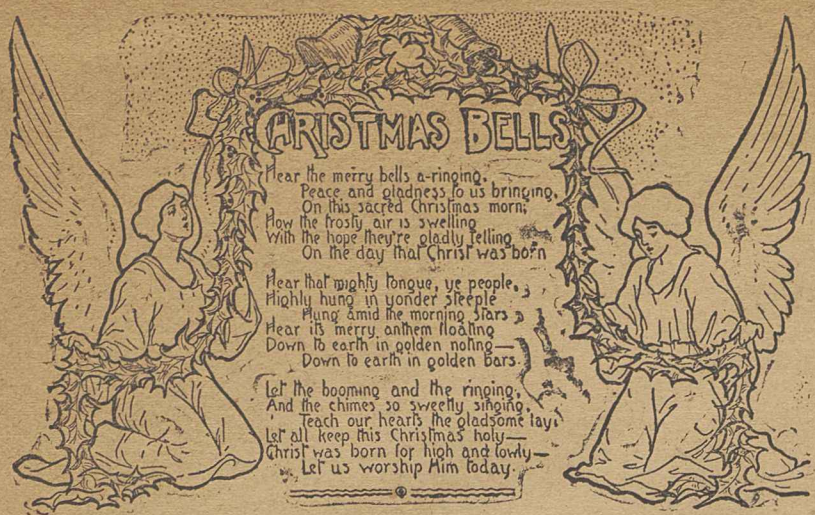
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Good Ladies Corsets at..... 25c	Plush Capes at..... \$1.25
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Special Millinery Sale.	A Big Line of Skirts from \$1.00 to \$6.00.



BEN AND THE PRESIDENT



LID 49, with the coal bin piled high and her water box full to overflowing, backed suddenly down on the baggage car of the 7.30 "local" from Worcester, and with a savage "ker-chunk" that sent a shiver through the entire train, allowed herself to be coupled by the quick fingered brakeman.

It wanted but five minutes to the half hour, but already a steady stream of passengers heavily laden with all kinds of mysterious looking parcels was pouring down the platform and into the cars. For this was the evening of December 24, and the spirit of Christmas was over the land.

But happiest of all this happy crowd was Ben, the train boy. In a little over an hour and a half he should be home with his dear mother and young brother Dick and his sister Sal. As he sat on a trunk in the baggage car with his pile of papers by his side, waiting for the train to start, he could think of nothing but that happy reunion.

steam and a slow "choo-choo" as though the big engine were taking breath for its long run, the train rolled majestically out of the station.

Ben was on his fourth round—"candy and bonbons" this time—when there was a sudden jolting and jarring as the train came quickly to a standstill.

Some folks, thinking it a station, gathered up their traps preparatory to departure, but Ben knew better. He knew they should be halfway between Sandville and Henderson, which was the last stop before Edgetown.

"Hot box, I reckon!" muttered Ben to himself. "That'll mean a half hour delay, and mother'll get uneasy."

The train boy stepped out on the platform, and, leaning far out, he saw a knot of men standing by the engine, their faces lit up by the light from the cab.

Quickly clamboring down, he ran up to the group. Facing each other were the engineer and the president.

"This is a dastardly plot of yours,"

that we're going right through. Then you can stop here or go on with us, just as you choose."

Then the news was passed along the train that a substitute engineer had been found and the train was to go through after all.

Aboard the engine, his gloved hands wielding a shovel, was the president of the road, while Ben, with his face out of the cab window, kept his left hand on the throttle.

In the meantime the brakemen held a short consultation with the conductor and had concluded that the best course for them was to quit the train and leave it to its fate.

A couple of the male passengers volunteered to act as brakemen and conductor, and with this strange crew the train presently got under way.

It had been decided that as trouble probably awaited them at Henderson, where a large rowdy element was located, the train would stop a half mile this side of the town for the passengers, and then Ben was to run through Henderson without stopping.

On the station platform a group of a hundred men were grimly awaiting the arrival of the train. Its approach had been heralded by its whistle five minutes before.

"If the train slows up, board her, and pull off the engine," commanded the head of the gang. "If she doesn't stop, shoot at the scabs, and smash all the windows you can!"

Suddenly a hoarse shout went up. "Here she comes! Bless me if she ain't slowin' down!" cried one.

"Ready, boys, with yer brickbats!" cried the ringleader, revolver in hand. Leaning far out of the cab window, his face smutched with coal dust, his eyes shining like stars, was Ben. The president, who had forgotten to remove his kid gloves, stood just behind, shotgun in hand. The revolver was raised, a hundred stones were poised in the air. Then as the pale, set face of the young engineer showed up for an instant by the flickering light of the station lamps the man with the revolver lowered his weapon and sprang forward.

"Hold on!" he yelled, "It's Ben!" But there was no need for the warning. The men had recognized the lad at the same instant and with one accord their hands dropped. They would have as soon shot their own sons as to do harm to Ben.

So the president had his Christmas with his mother after all, and so did Ben, and the boy thought it the happiest Christmas he had ever known. During the day Mr. Pearson drove over to see him, and when he departed he left behind him a check for \$500 and the promise that when Ben was old enough he should run 49 every day.

CRIMINAL VIRTUE.

Spain's Queer Law Prevents Rescue of Royalty from Peril.

There is a Spanish law that no subject shall touch the person of the king or queen. Alfonso XIII, king of Spain, nearly suffered a severe fall from this rule in his childhood. An aunt gave him a swing. When he used it for the first time the motion frightened him, and he began to cry, whereupon a lackey lifted him quietly out of it, and so, no doubt, prevented him from falling. The breach of etiquette, however, was flagrant and dreadful. The queen was obliged to punish it by dismissing the man from his post. At the same time she showed her real feelings on the subject by appointing him immediately to another and better place in the royal household. In another case a queen of Spain nearly lost her life in a dreadful way owing to this peculiar rule. She had been thrown when out riding, and her foot catching in the stirrup, she was dragged. Her escort would not risk interference, and she would have been dashed to pieces but for the heroic interposition of a young man, who stopped the horse and released her from her dangerous position. As soon as they saw she was safe, her escort turned to arrest the traitor who had dared to touch the queen's foot, but he was not to be seen. Knowing well the penalty he had incurred, he made off at once—fled for his life—and did not stop until he had crossed the frontier.—Answers.

THEIR PITIFUL END.

When Indian Women Become Too Old to Work They Are Left to Die.

The attention of the United States government has just been called to a barbarous custom that it still being practiced among the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians in Oklahoma Territory. The Indians of these tribes, while living under the management of an Indian agent, are comparatively civilized and do not go on the warpath, but work for their living as farmers. But they have no love in their hearts for one of their own people after that person has passed his or her age of usefulness. An aged squaw, after she reaches the age of eighty years, is sent into the fields and left there to die, unless some sympathetic white person comes along and sends the poor old woman to the Indian agency, where she may be taken care of at the expense of the government. Travellers in the reservation may hear the distressing cries of some deserted woman at most any time they care to listen. The women are given a few days' rations, clothed in their best garments and taken into the fields amid the horses and cattle. There they are left alone. Not being strong enough to get away, they have to remain there and die. The plains of this Indian reservation are strewn with the bones of those who have been left to die because they were getting too old to work any more.

LONG RANGE GUNS.

Good Lessons Taught Other Nations by the Boer Artillerymen.

There is an effort being made in different countries to turn the lesson of the Anglo-Boer war to profit by constructing ordinance of increased range. The Boers got their greater range not by having superior guns, but by elevating the muzzle, as the English found out when the Boers turned captured English guns upon them. The English cannon fired as far as the Boer cannon when the muzzle was given equal elevation. But the point remains that the Boers taught the world that superior range, no matter how obtained, gives a decided practical advantage. In 1888 an English 9.2-inch gun made a record with a range of twelve miles. A Krupp 9.45-inch four years later made a new record of twelve and a half miles. Recently there has been talk of a German gun that ranges fifteen miles. But an American ordnance factory is preparing a 12-inch gun, it is said, which is to carry a shell nineteen miles. Its length is to be equal to forty calibers and the 1,050-pound shell is to have an initial velocity of 3,000 feet a second. The difficulty in obtaining extreme ranges lies largely with the gun carriage. Most gun carriages permit an elevation of the muzzle of but seventeen degrees, whereas the best possible range of any given gun requires an elevation of forty-four degrees. A larger arc of elevation is the lesson the Boer artillerymen have enforced. The drawback of extreme ranges is the inaccuracy of fire. The Boers produced a great moral effect upon the British by landing shells at distances the British batteries could not cover, but they seldom made hits. They were content to demoralize their foe by subjecting him to a fire he could not reply to. At Ladysmith, for example, there were a few good shots at extreme ranges, so that the loss of life caused by cannot fire from great distances was trifling. As the range increases the chance of missing likewise increases, a very small error in the aim being multiplied more and more the farther the shot goes. At nineteen miles it is hard to believe that one shot in a thousand would hit an object no bigger than a house.—Baltimore Sun.

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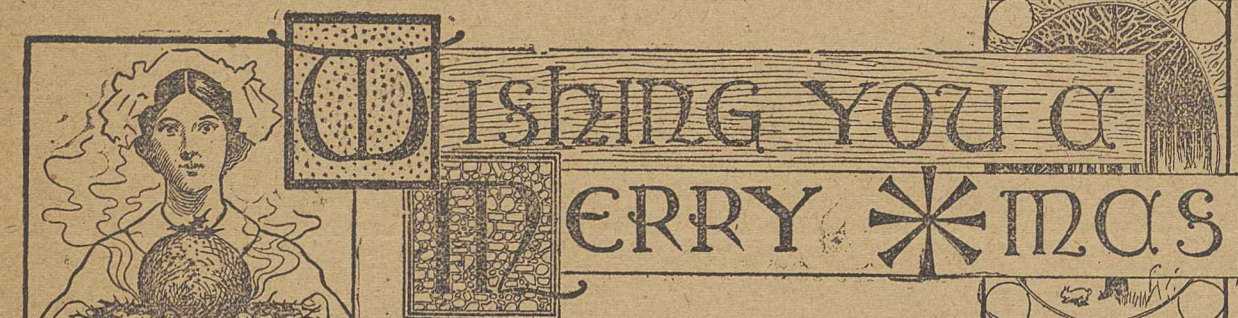
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Hale the Yule log in;
Heap the fagots high;
With a merry din
Rouse old Revery!
Cry "Noel! Noel!"
Till the rafters ring,
And the gleeful bell
Peals its answering!

Brim the Christmas cup
From the wassail-bowl;
Now the flame leaps up
With its ruddy soul!
In the glowing blaze
How the dancers spin!
Defrost the maze,
Nimble Harlequin!

Grim Snapdragon comes
With his mimic ire,
And his feast of plums
Smothered in the fire.
O the days of mirth,
And the nights akin!
Heap the Christmas hearth;
Hale the Yule log in!

Ben had been saving up for this Christmas with more than the usual stinting and self-denial, and the result of it all now stood before him neatly packed in a wooden box.

Two men there were aboard the "7.30 local" whose faces reflected nothing of the Christmas cheer. Presently the fireman put down his oil can and looked up at the engineer.

"What time is the strike ordered for?" he asked.

"Half past eight to the second," growled the engineer.

"Why, that'll leave us ten miles from now where?" cried the fireman, whose name was Stebbins. "Nice Christmas we'll have. Lucky if we find a roof to cover us. Why do we have to strike on Christmas Eve, of all times?" he added, wrathfully.

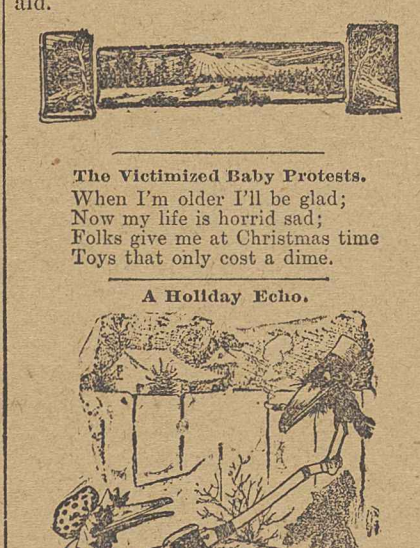
"Cause the president takes this train out to Edgetown to-night so's he kin hev Christmas with his old mother. We got the tip no more than an hour ago. The men thinks that rather than get stuck between here and there he'll cave in and grant us wot we ask."

At that moment a well dressed man of thirty-five or so, satchel in hand, came briskly down the platform and got into the smoker. It was the president of the road. He was a very



"But I won't promise to act as fireman again," the president had added laughingly.

This all happened thirty odd years ago, and the erstwhile train boy is now general manager of the road, and a very dignified gentleman, indeed; but down Edgetown way no one ever calls him anything but plain Ben.—Douglas Zabriskie Doty, in the New York Herald.



The Victimized Baby Protests.

When I'm older I'll be glad;
Now my life is horrid sad;
Folks give me at Christmas time
Toys that only cost a dime.

A Holiday Echo.

"Why didn't you attend the Christmas dinner, my pretty maid?"
"Nobody axed me, sir," she said.—Life.

Charles Dickens's Good Work.

But for the great novelist, Charles Dickens, there is little doubt but that the keeping of Christmas, except as a purely religious feast, would have died out many years ago. His efforts led to a revival of Christmas as a festival of general rejoicing and jollity.



GREAT KNIFE WORK.

Mexican's Experience with a Herd of Antelope.

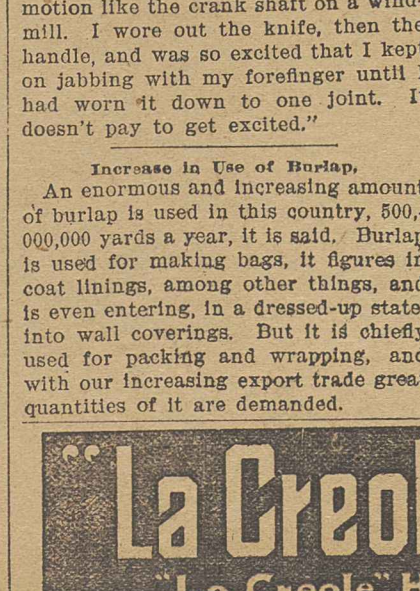
A Mexican freighter whose route lies across the deserts of New Mexico and Arizona and who is known as Juan Riviera has many tales to tell of bloodcurdling adventures he has had during his trips across the sands. Although considered to be as truthful as the ordinary man by his acquaintances, some of his stories would indicate that he occasionally departs from the path of rectitude or else the road he travels must be a veritable paradise for hunters. One of his reminiscences is as follows: "While passing from Chihuahua to Tucson, some fifteen years ago, I encountered a great herd, probably a thousand, of antelope, and this accounts for the loss of my forefinger, which you see is lacking two joints. This herd was not far from a box canyon, having a very narrow entrance when I first saw it. By riding to and fro, I succeeded after an hour in getting them to enter the canyon, but as the entrance was narrow I could get them in only one at a time. After losing considerable time I got them all in. To keep them cooped up, I began to pile up stones at the opening, intending to leave the antelopes there and notify my friends of the catch. While at work the antelopes suddenly turned on me and began to rush out. There was not time enough to bar the opening, so I grabbed my knife and stabbed them as they came out. Antelope are much like sheep, and follow their leader, and came rushing through so rapidly that my arm was kept in motion like the crank shaft on a windmill. I wore out the knife, then the handle, and was so excited that I kept on jabbing with my forefinger until I had worn it down to one joint. It doesn't pay to get excited."

Increase in Use of Burlap.

An enormous and increasing amount of burlap is used in this country, 500,000,000 yards a year, it is said. Burlap is used for making bags, it figures in coat linings, among other things, and is even entering, in a dressed-up state, into wall coverings. But it is chiefly used for packing and wrapping, and with our increasing export trade great quantities of it are demanded.

Penny-in-the-Slot Bookback.

Nearly fifty years ago the Shoeblack brigade was started in North London, and since then the small box with the footrest, the blacking and the brushes and the boy with or without uniform has become a recognized and almost indispensable institution in every large town. But now it seems that an automatic shoeblack has been invented, and a penny-in-the-slot will secure the desired result. You put your foot in a black hole supplied with brushes, and the coin sets the mechanism in motion, which brushes, blacks and polishes in an incredibly short space of time. The humble shoeblack, like so many other honest citizens, may have to go down before the advance of machinery.



The Best Prescription for Chills.

And Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TARTARIC CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 60c.

An old maid escapes one severe criticism; the neighbors don't abuse her for the manner in which she is bringing up her children.

Every one thinks that his parents must have made a marriage of convenience; that it couldn't possibly have been a love affair.

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When a girl goes away on her first trip on the railroad alone, it is quite an event in the family, and even her father goes to the depot.

A Colonel in the British South African army says that Adams' Fruit Brandy was a blessing to his men while marching.

The average man has so many grievances that he can begin reciting them at eight o'clock Sunday morning, and have a lot left at six in the evening.

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An ideal husband may not always be in position to afford portulacae stock, but he never lets his wife put on her rubbers in public without assistance.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thos. Ross, Maple St., Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

Hold's Medals for Life-Saving.

Lieutenant Walter R. Gherard, who is known as one of the bravest men in the navy and has three gold medals for saving lives, does not look much like his father, the retired rear admiral. The latter is about the average height, but is made to look much shorter by his great breadth. The son is 6 feet 2 inches tall and built in symmetrical proportion.

He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself.—Herbert.

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Col. H. Clay Armstrong died suddenly Monday night of heart failure. Col. Armstrong was 63 years of age, at one time he was speaker of the lower house of representatives.

Gen. Bulger was the Confederate veteran, being one of the bravest men of the Civil War. He lived through the administration of all the Presidents with the exception of Washington.

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SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year

To all of our numerous readers.
S. J. May, of Shelby, was in town Monday.

For fine watches call on T. J. Weaver.

E. S. Lyman, of Montevallo, was in town Tuesday.

Rev. J. G. Walker was on the sick list last week.

George Bird has been on the sick list this week.

J. L. Foust, of Pelham, was in the city last Friday.

Toliver Taylor, of Fourmile, has moved to this place.

M. S. Wilson, of Longview, was in town last Friday.

A fine display of jewelry at T. J. Weaver's for Xmas.

James H. Robertson, of beat 9, was in town Monday.

Commissioners court met in extra session last Saturday.

Christmas frolics are all the topics at the present.

It seems that a matrimonial tide has struck our county.

W. E. Harrison, of Montevallo, was in town last Friday.

W. E. Thetford spent a few days this week at Harpersville.

Mrs. S. Vest, of Montevallo, visited friends here this week.

J. H. Robertson spent a few days last week on Yellow Leaf.

Miss Belle Huyett visited friends at Childersburg last Friday.

Mrs. W. C. Eastis, of Gary, is visiting relatives in the city.

G. B. Deans, of Calera, was a visitor to the city last Saturday.

H. A. Worthing, of beat 9, was in the city last Friday on business.

C. A. Glaxe and S. K. Cross, of Creswell were in the city Monday.

Dr. A. W. Horton, of Pelham, spent a few days in the city this week.

John B. Randall, of Montevallo, was in the city Saturday on business.

The show Wednesday attracted a large crowd of country people to town.

Henry Walthall, of Klein, visited friends in the city several days last week.

Miss Sallie Pearson returned Monday from a visit to relatives at Gary.

Commissioner Shaw, of Aldrich, was in the city a short while Saturday.

John Upshaw, of Shelby, spent Sunday afternoon in the city with friends.

Henry Gilbert, of beat 8, has a position with J. R. Pearson & Co., as clerk.

N. A. Graham and W. A. Tallant, of Calera, were in the city Monday.

Miss Kate Huyett is on a visit to relatives and friends in Atlanta, Georgia.

Next Tuesday is the day the old Kris Kringle pays a visit to the little ones.

Mrs. Anna Burt, of North Alabama, is visiting the family of Dr. W. S. DuBose.

W. D. Hayley, of Pratt City, A. Hayley, of Epps,

George Vest, of Montevallo, is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. L. C. Armstrong visited relatives in Talladega this week.

Spot cash Feed store, no books kept. J. H. Hammond.

The old bachelors are thinning out. Go it girls, drag 'em in, they are bashful. O. no.

Mrs. George Mason and Miss Patty Mason spent Monday at Shelby with friends.

Commissioner J. T. Glaze, of Creswell, was in town several days last week on business.

Mrs. Gordon DuBose returned last Saturday from a visit to relatives in North Alabama.

Miss Alva Nicholls, of Childersburg, visited the family of J. S. Pitts a few days last week.

Miss May Masterson and Charlie Masterson, of Landersville, are visiting relatives in the city.

The Columbiana Public school will close Friday for a vacation during the Christmas holidays.

Its passing around. "Says Ed, whar yer get dat bumperzeen I seed you had on yer arm tother night."

Mrs. J. B. German has added a new verandah to her dwelling house which improves its appearance very much.

James Murphy and sister, Miss Minnie, of Anniston, spent part of Saturday and Sunday in the city with friends.

Miss Fannie Mac Payne, who has been attending the public school here, returned to her home at Camp Hill yesterday.

Miss Bertie Vincent, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned to her home at Vincent last Thursday.

Miss Kate Coleman, a charming young lady from Childersburg, was the guest of the Misses Huyett Saturday and Sunday.

Sheriff Crawford, of Bibb County, was in the city Tuesday. He came up after Ervin Horton, who is wanted in that county.

Rev. A. B. Burns, of Sylacauga, filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, and preached two interesting sermons.

The social given at the residence of J. H. Robertson on Main street last Friday night, was an enjoyable occasion, and all who were present report a nice time.

Married—At the residence of B. H. Holcombe, M. H. B. Jones to Miss Bertie Holcombe on Sunday, December 16th, at two o'clock. Elder J. E. Dykes officiating.

If you want something nice for a Christmas present call on T. J. Weaver, where you will find the finest assortment of jewelry and watches ever seen in Columbiana.

Married—At the residence of Mr. Bailey Comers on December 10th, at three o'clock p. m., Mr. Gaines Nabors and Miss Bettie Kirby. Elder J. E. Dykes officiating.

Jim—"Why are you laying in such a big stock of neckties?"

Frank—"I don't want my sweetheart to have an excuse for buying me one for a Christmas gift."

Sheriff Cox and Will Hester went over to Columbus, Miss., last Thursday after Ervin and Thomas Horton, and brought them in Saturday. It is remembered that Thomas Horton was among the number that broke jail last spring. Ervin is wanted in Bibb county for burglary.

A young man recently got even with the girl who jilted him. He sent her a request to go driving, and when she had joyfully accepted and rigged herself out in And Pos best silk costume, she was losing every hammer and of San Francisco.

Christian Endeavor.

Subject—"Glory of Christ." John 1:1-14.

Leader—W. E. Thetford.

Song.

Prayer.

Talk by leader.

What is Christ's Greatest Glory—J. R. White.

How does the church show the Glory of Christ—Rev. T. K. Roberts.

Song.

Prayer for Dismissal.

A Card of Thanks.

Editor of Advocate.

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to return my heartfelt thanks to those who so kindly offered their services during the illness of my father, D. R. Haley.

May the blessings of God attend them through life. Again thanking one and all for their kindness.

I am Gratefully,
Mrs. A. F. Thompson.

William Pilgreen and wife, of Calera, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in the city.

J. W. Dykes, who has been clerking at Easonville for the past year, has a position in the Shelby Iron Co.'s, store as clerk.

The social entertainment given at the residence of B. L. Moore Tuesday night, was enjoyed by all those who attended.

Bob—"Are you going to give up any of your old habits?"

"Yes," answered the boy with a defiant air; "I'm going to give up this old, old habit of swearing off every New Year's day."

The different Sunday schools of our city have united and will have a union Christmas tree at the court house on Monday night, December 21th. Each school appointed a committee of six to meet and arrangements for the tree, this committee met last Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian church and decided on a committee of three from each school be appointed to take charge of the tree and manage the distribution of presents. All the friends of the schools who intend putting presents for the children are requested to bring them early in the afternoon. The public cordially invited to come.

Demonsthenes Robin Hayley died here last Sunday morning at 3:30 a. m., at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Alice F. Thompson. Mr. Haley was 76 years, 2 months and 19 days old. He had been in feeble health for years, and a few weeks ago began failing rapidly, and he breathed his last. He was born in September, 1824, and spent his boyhood days in Florida, and came to Alabama while a young man and settled in Lee county, near Auburn, Ala., and soon after the Civil War he moved his family to Montgomery, where he lived for number of years. He reared a family of nine children, seven of them survive him, four sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. Mr. Haley was a Christian gentleman and bore his sufferings with fortitude and looked forward to the sweet rest that is promised to them that are faithful to the end. Weep not dear ones, he is not dead, but is sleeping in the arms of Jesus his Savior. His remains were carried to the old homestead for interment Sunday afternoon. And long before he was covered with the sod he was prepared to meet his God. The saintly Heaven did receive him and by and by we will meet him.

"When we knelt to see our father die, And heard his last moan; Each wiped away the other's tears; Now each must weep alone."

"And who can paint our joy, When all our wanderings o'er, We all clasp our father's hand, And are benedicted in a few days. A French gunboat has been dispatched to the scene to see that the sentences are properly executed.

Notice.

All persons who have subscribed work or who wish to contribute work on Lester's Chapel church, will please come and assist us on any day from now on, as we are now engaged in framing the church and wish to complete it without further delay. We suggest that you spend your Christmas Holidays assisting us. Do not forget to come.

WALTER E. LESTER.

Notice!

Read Oats, said to be the oat for the poor man and poor land, for sale, 75 cents for one sack at J. H. Hammond.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis. from her doctor after he had tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful stomach, liver and kidney remedy. Cures dyspepsia, loss of appetite. Try it. Only 50 cts. For sale by Hall, the druggist.

Call on Mrs. J. W. Peers for sewing of all kinds, prices as cheap as is consistent with good work. At Morgan's place on West College street. Also for sale Sofa pillows, Chair cushions, Pin cushions and other fancy articles nice for Xmas presents. All done in crazy patch work.

DEAR CHILDREN:
In thy doubting days when thy hopes and fears all blend;
Look forward to much brighter days, For God is to thee a friend,
If thy hopes with fear contend.

Do not worry, but feel in trim,
That God above is your friend;
You must not sit in calm repose,
Recalling memories of the past.

But look forward for a sweeter rose,
And in your hand hold it fast;
Be cheerful and good to the end,
Knowing that God is your friend.

PAPA,
D. R. H.

A Keen Clear Brain.

Your best feelings, your social position or business success depends largely on the perfect action of your stomach and liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by Hall, the druggist.

Pointed Paragraphs.

From the Chicago News.

Don't run if you want to catch your breath.

An event is a circumstance that seldom happens.

No matter how tall a man is he is not above criticism.

After nine days of wonder the puppy gets his eyes opened.

The fire of genius isn't always capable of making the pot boil.

It doesn't require much philosophy to take things as they come, but it requires a lot of it to part with them as they go.

Does It Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the most severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles.

What shall you do? Go to a warmer climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the

ric fight against the inflammation in 1882, and who was defeated, captured and exiled to Ceylon, has been pardoned. He will return to Egypt.

Spring Creek Items.

It rained too much on the 13th for many people to go to the show at Shelby.

On the night of the 7th there were two bales of cotton stolen and carried off from Evans gin.

T. R. Lovett's little boy has been quite ill with pneumonia though he is now about well.

B. W. Dupree, of South Calera, cut his foot seriously with an axe a few days ago.

W. M. Connell made a business trip to Montgomery a few days ago.

Married on Tuesday 11th, Rufus Evan, of beat 2, to Miss Mollie Mosteller, of Farmer.

H. Bolton has moved to A. C. Evan's farm on Spring Creek.

Married on Sunday the 2d, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Joss Carden to Miss Luanna Strong. The contracting parties all of beat Two.

George Strong has or will soon move to Green Merrell's farm next year.

That old hooping cough which has been so annoying to our young friends for quite a while is some lighter.

A merry Christmas to the editor, correspondents and readers of the Peoples Advocate.

GRANGER.

Tortured a Witness.

Intense suffering was endured by witness T. L. Martin, of Dixie, Ky., before he gave this evidence: "I coughed every night until my throat was nearly raw; then tried King's New Discovery which gave instant relief. I have used it in my family for four years and recommend it as the greatest remedy for coughs, colds and all throat, chest and lung troubles. It will stop the worst cough, and not only prevents but absolutely cures consumption. Price 50 and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottle 10c at Hall's drug store.

Dunnivant Items.

Health of community good.

J. M. King was in our midst Sunday.

Sam Isbell went to Leeds this week on business.

A. J. Abercrombie and J. Williamson, of Leeds, were in town Monday.

J. B. Byers moved to his new residence in South West Dunnivant this week.

J. M. Dorrough and family visited the home of L. Morgan Sunday.

W. H. Hulsie went to Birmingham Sunday.

Mrs. C. Green visited relatives at Dunnivant Sunday.

I will close, hoping you all good luck and a fine dinner Christmas.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

From the New York Press.

If you don't want to know what a man's wife is like, study his taste in other women.

Some of the ancients knew a lot. The ancient Hindoo women had to pray to their husbands.

Every woman has a longing to know just how much her husband would take on when the doctor told him she was going to die.

The average man doesn't get married because he loves little children. What he gets married for is because he thinks he is going to get fed better.

When one woman calls on another woman for the first ten minutes neither of them says anything that the other can remember, because each one is studying the other's dress.

When a poor man marries a rich woman the women say he has been doing it wrong.

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COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA.

Redrawn News.

Health not good.

Arthur and Henry Taylor attended the services at Julian Baggett's Friday night.

Andrew Jackson was the happy guest of Miss Alma Farr Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Millstead preached an interesting sermon at the Methodist church Sunday.

E. B. Lyon and S. L. Farr attended the social on Yellowleaf Saturday night.

The social at E. A. McCollar's Saturday night was a success.

Miss Lola Strickland, of Columbiana was in our community last week.

W. N. Miner has a new lot of Christmas goods.

Master Clyde Cross spent Sunday at Mr. Roper's.

E. L. Crumpton spent a few days last week in Columbiana.

Walter Roper and Rucan Riddle spent Sunday near Mr. Albright's.

Mr. Colwell, of Harpersville, was in our community Saturday.

B. H. Heaslet spent Sunday with homefolks.

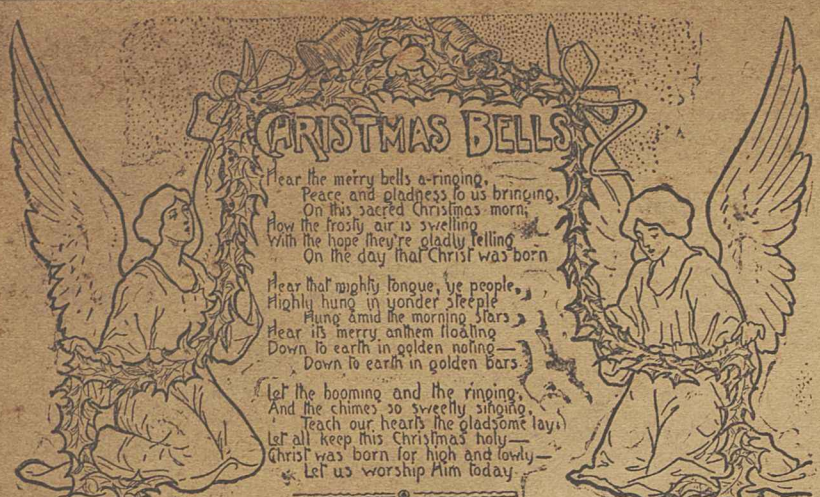
Will Greene, of Talladega, was in our parts Sunday.

Rambling Boy.

World's Chat.

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BEN AND THE PRESIDENT



LD 49, with the coal bin filled high and her water box full to overflowing, backed sullenly down on the baggage car of the 7.30 "local" from Worcester, and with a savage "ker-chunk" that sent a shiver through the entire train, allowed herself to be coupled by the quick fingered brakeman.

It wanted but five minutes to the half hour, but already a steady stream of passengers heavily laden with all kinds of mysterious looking parcels was pouring down the platform and into the cars. For this was the evening of December 24, and the spirit of Christmas was over the land.

But happiest of all this happy crowd was Ben, the train boy. In a little over an hour and a half he should be home with his dear mother and young brother Dick and his sister Sal. As he sat on a trunk in the baggage car with his pile of papers by his side, waiting for the train to start, he could think of nothing but that happy reunion.

steam and a slow "choo-choo" as though the big engine were taking breath for its long run, the train rolled majestically out of the station.

Ben was on his fourth round—"candy and bonbons" this time—when there was a sudden jolting and jarring as the train came quickly to a standstill. Some folks, thinking it a station, gathered up their traps preparatory to departure, but Ben knew better. He knew they should be halfway between Sandville and Henderson, which was the last stop before Edgetown.

"Hot box, I reckon!" muttered Ben to himself. "That'll mean a half hour delay, and mother'll get uneasy."

The train boy stepped out on the platform, and, leaning far out, he saw a knot of men standing by the engine, their faces lit up by the light from the cab.

Quickly clamboring down, he ran up to the group. Facing each other were the engineer and the president. "This is a dastardly plot of yours,"

that we're going right through. Then you can stop here or go on with us, just as you choose."

Then the news was passed along the train that a substitute engineer had been found and the train was to go through after all.

Aboard the engine, his gloved hands wielding a shovel, was the president of the road, while Ben, with his face out of the cab window, kept his left hand on the throttle.

In the meantime the brakemen held a short consultation with the conductor and had concluded that the best course for them was to quit the train and leave it to its fate.

A couple of the male passengers volunteered to act as brakemen and conductor, and with this strange crew the train presently got under way.

It had been decided that as trouble probably awaited them at Henderson, where a large rowdy element was located, the train would stop a half mile this side of the town for the passengers, and then Ben was to run through Henderson without stopping.

On the station platform a group of a hundred men were grimly awaiting the arrival of the train. Its approach had been heralded by its whistle five minutes before.

"If the train slows up, board her, and pull off the engine," commanded the head of the gang. "If she doesn't stop, shoot at the cabs, and smash all the windows you can!"

Suddenly a hoarse shout went up. "Here she comes! Bless me if she ain't slowin' down!" cried one.

"Ready, boys, with yer brickbats!" cried the ringleader, revolver in hand. Leaning far out of the cab window, his face smutched with coal dust, his eyes shining like stars, was Ben. The president, who had forgotten to remove his kid gloves, stood just behind him, shotgun in hand. The revolver was raised, a hundred stones were poised in the air. Then as the pale, set face of the young engineer showed up for an instant by the flickering light of the station lamps the man with the revolver lowered his weapon and sprang forward.

"Hold on!" he yelled, "It's Ben!" But there was no need for the warning. The men had recognized the lad at the same instant and with one accord their hands dropped. They would have as soon shot their own sons as to do harm to Ben.

So the president had his Christmas with his mother after all, and so did Ben, and the boy thought it the happiest Christmas he had ever known. During the day Mr. Pearson drove over to see him, and when he departed he left behind him a check for \$500 and the promise that when Ben was old enough he should run 49 every day.

CRIMINAL VIRTUE.

Spain's Queer Law Prevents Rescue of Royalty from Peril.

There is a Spanish law that no subject shall touch the person of the king or queen, Alfonso XIII, king of Spain, nearly suffered a severe fall from this rule in his childhood. An aunt gave him a swing. When he used it for the first time the motion frightened him, and he began to cry, whereupon a lackey lifted him quickly out of it, and so, no doubt, prevented him from falling. The breach of etiquette, however, was flagrant and dreadful. The queen was obliged to punish it by dismissing the man from his post. At the same time she showed her real feelings on the subject by appointing him immediately to another and better place in the royal household. In another case a queen of Spain nearly lost her life in a dreadful way owing to this peculiar rule. She had been thrown when out riding, and her foot catching in the stirrup, she was dragged. Her escort would not risk interference, and she would have been dashed to pieces but for the heroic interposition of a young man, who stopped the horse and released her from her dangerous position. As soon as they saw she was safe, her escort turned to arrest the traitor who had dared to touch the queen's foot, but he was not to be seen. Knowing well the penalty he had incurred, he made off at once—led for his life—and did not stop until he had crossed the frontier—answers.

SHORT HONEYMOONS.

A Week or Ten Days Is the Correct Thing.

Now that among fashionable—as well as busy people—the regulation length for the honeymoon is being made shorter and shorter, till a week or ten days has come to be considered the correct thing, one begins to wonder if it will soon be done away with altogether, and whether we shall revert to the custom of our great-grandmothers' days who drove from the wedding breakfast to their new home. Still and for all that, as they say in the Green Isle, I fancy there will always be many who will uphold the pretty—if modern fashion, which dedicates a whole month—if not to the actual "drinking of honey mead," at least to becoming properly acquainted with one another without any outside distracting, and under the benign patronage of the god Hymen. There is always something exceedingly novel in the way of engagement rings. Three rings fit one over the other so as to look like one joined by clasped hands in the middle or by a diamond stud. On drawing this aside the ring opens and you see two emerald hearts, with the joint initials, the date of the engagement and a motto. These are both pretty and exclusive.

Horse Is Stage Struck.

A handsome usually stands at the corner of Broadway and 29th street, where passengers wait for the cross-town cars. They always have to wait and so have time to make friends with an intelligent hansom horse, who feigns to be asleep until he is patted on the nose, when he comes back to earth apparently with a stagey start. The fact is that the theatrical neighborhood in which the cab has its stand has affected the horse and has taught him to dissimulate. He has become such a pet with waiting passengers that they carry sugar and apples in their pockets with which to feed him. He never refuses anything. He calmly consumes a \$4 bunch of violets, flinging to the last inch of ribbon, and would doubtless eat the pin that has held the bunch if it were offered to him. He also eats cigarettes, artificial flowers, candles, peanuts and theater programs.—New York Sun.

GREAT KNIFE WORK.

Mexican's Experience with a Herd of Antelope.

A Mexican freighter whose route across the deserts of New Mexico and Arizona and who is known as Juan Rivera has many tales to tell of bloodcurdling adventures he has had during his trips across the sands. Although considered to be as truthful as the ordinary man by his acquaintances, some of his stories would indicate that he occasionally departs from the path of rectitude or else the road he travels must be a veritable paradise for hunters. One of his reminiscences is as follows: "While passing from Chihuahua to Tucson, some fifteen years ago, I encountered a great herd, probably a thousand, of antelope, and this accounts for the loss of my forefinger, which you see is lacking two joints. This herd was not far from a box canyon, having a very narrow entrance when I first saw it. By riding to and fro, I succeeded after an hour in getting them to enter the canyon, but as the entrance was narrow I could get them in only one at a time. After losing considerable time I got them all in. To keep them cooped up, I began to pile up stones at the opening, intending to leave the antelopes there and notify my friends of the catch. While at work the antelopes suddenly turned on me and began to rush out. There was not time enough to bar the opening, so I grabbed my knife and stabbed them as they came out. Antelope are much like sheep, and follow their leader, and came rushing through so rapidly that my arm was kept in motion like the crank shaft on a windmill. I wore out the knife, then the handle, and was so excited that I kept on jabbing with my forefinger until I had worn it down to one joint. It doesn't pay to get excited."

Increase in Use of Burlap.

An enormous and increasing amount of burlap is used in this country, 500,000,000 yards a year, it is said. Burlap is used for making bags, it figures in coat linings, among other things, and is even entering in a dressed-up state, into wall coverings. But it is chiefly used for packing and wrapping, and with our increasing export trade great quantities of it are demanded.

THEIR PITIFUL END.

When Indian Women Become Too Old to Work They Are Left to Die.

The attention of the United States government has just been called to a barbarous custom that it still being practiced among the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians in Oklahoma Territory. The Indians of these tribes, while living under the management of an Indian agent, are comparatively civilized and do not go on the warpath, but work for their living as farmers. But they have no love in their hearts for one of their own people after that person has passed his or her age of usefulness. An aged squaw, after she reaches the age of eighty years, is sent into the fields and left there to die, unless some sympathetic white person comes along and sends the poor old woman to the Indian agency, where she may be taken care of at the expense of the government. Travelers in the reservation may hear the distressing cries of some deserted woman at most any time they care to listen. The women are given a few days' rations, clothed in their best garments and taken into the fields amid the horses and cattle. There they are left alone. Not being strong enough to get away, they have to remain there and die. The plains of this Indian reservation are strewn with the bones of those who have been left to die because they were getting too old to work any more.

Li's Desertion by His Secretary.

The severest blow Li Hung Chang has received for many years is the desertion of J. W. Pettick, an American who had been his private secretary for twelve or fifteen years. Mr. Pettick was paid a large salary to act as advisor and instructor in modern languages and sciences, and had charge of all the viceroy's foreign affairs and much of his private business. Earl Li has money invested in all sorts of enterprises in Europe and Asia, and Mr. Pettick has looked after his financial business in foreign countries. He has also taught the Earl nearly everything he knows of foreign affairs, and has read aloud to Li Hung Chang more than 800 books in English, French and German, which he was able to translate into Chinese as he read them. Last spring for reasons not yet publicly explained, Mr. Pettick resigned his position with Li Hung Chang, and has since denounced him as untrustworthy and a traitor to the friends he pretends to serve.—Chicago Record.

Best For the Bowels.

No matter what ailment, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. Cathartics help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. Cathartics Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has G. C. C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

A ter a woman has been married ten years, she reserves that half-fitting, half-pleading look for the butcher when she wants him to come down on his knees.

Uncle Sam's Soldiers.

Will eat Libby's Plum Pudding for Christmas dinner. The U. S. Government has just purchased a large consignment of Libby, McNeill & Libby's famous plum pudding, which will be supplied to American Soldiers in the Philippine Islands and Cuba.

If a child is given an ugly name for a relative, all doubts should be dispelled regarding the relative's bank account.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that's Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have no objection to the fact that for any case that it fails to cure. Send for testimonials. Address: F. J. CENNEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 50c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

We have noticed that the man who always claims to kill lots of ducks when he goes hunting is unreliable in other respects.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TARTARIC CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteful form. No cure—no pay. Price 60c.

An old maid escapes one severe criticism; the neighbors don't blame her for the manner in which she is bringing up her children.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething cures the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Every one thinks that his parents must have made a marriage of convenience; that it couldn't possibly have been a love affair.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All crickets refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

When a girl goes away on her first trip on the railroad alone, it is quite an event in the family, and even her father goes to the depot.

A Colonel in the British South African army says that Adams' Tutti Frutti was a blessing to his men while marching.

The average man has so many grievances that he can begin to count them at eight o'clock Sunday morning, and have a lot left at six in the evening.

Thirty minutes is all the time required to dye with FRYMAN FADELESS DYES. Sold by all druggists.

An ideal husband may not always be in position to afford porthouse steak, but he never lets his wife put on her rubbers in public without assistance.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thos. Ross, Maple St., Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

Penny-in-the-Slot Bookbinder. Nearly fifty years ago the Shoeblack brigade was started in North London, and since then the small box with the footrest, the blacking and the brushes and the boy with or without uniform has become a recognized and almost indispensable institution in every large town. But now it seems that an automatic shoeblack has been invented, and a penny-in-the-slot will secure the desired result. You put your foot in a black hole supplied with brushes, and the coin sets the mechanism in motion, which brushes, blacks and polishes in an incredibly short space of time. The humble shoeblack, like so many other honest citizens, may have to go down before the advance of machinery.

LONG RANGE GUNS.

Good Lessons Taught Other Nations by the Boer Artillerymen.

There is an effort being made in different countries to turn the lesson of the Anglo-Boer war to profit by constructing ordnance of increased range. The Boers got their greater range not by having superior guns, but by elevating the muzzle, as the English found out when the Boers turned captured English guns upon them. The English cannon fired as far as the Boer cannon when the muzzle was given equal elevation. But the point remains that the Boers taught the world that superior range, no matter how obtained, gives a decided practical advantage. In 1888 an English 9.2-inch gun made a record with a range of twelve miles. A Krupp 9.45-inch four years later made a new record of twelve and a half miles. Recently there has been talk of a German gun that ranges fifteen miles. But an American ordnance factory is preparing a 12-inch gun, it is said, which is to carry a shell nineteen miles. Its length is to be equal to forty calibers and the 1,050-pound shell is to have an initial velocity of 3,000 feet a second. The difficulty in obtaining extreme ranges lies largely with the gun carriage. Most gun carriages permit an elevation of the muzzle of but seventeen degrees, whereas the best possible range of any given gun requires an elevation of forty-four degrees. A larger arc of elevation is the lesson the Boer artillerymen have enforced. The drawback of extreme ranges is the inaccuracy of fire. The Boers produced a great moral effect upon the British by landing shells at distances the British batteries could not cover, but they seldom made hits. They were content to demoralize their foe by subjecting him to a fire he could not reply to. At Ladysmith, for example, there were a few good shots at extreme ranges, so that the loss of life caused by cannot fire from great distances was trifling. As the range increases the chance of missing likewise increases, a very small error in the aim being multiplied more and more the farther the shot goes. At nineteen miles it is hard to believe that one shot in a thousand would hit an object no bigger than a house.—Baltimore Sun.

Miss Braddon a Prolific Writer.

Miss Braddon has published over sixty novels since 1862. Previous to trying literature, however, Miss Braddon appeared on the stage. There is some doubt in the matter, but "An Old Player" writes that the future novelist made her debut at the Brighton Theater Royal in 1857, and that during the five following months she impersonated as many as fifty-eight distinct characters. Her stage name was Mary Leyton, and, though now known as Miss M. E. Braddon, she is really Mrs. Maxwell and a widow.

Grinnell's New President.

Prof. Frank K. Sanders, who has just been elected president of Grinnell College, Iowa, has been Woolsey professor of biblical literature in Yale for four years. Professor Sanders was born in India. His parents were missionaries, who died in the field after a heroic life struggle. He received his college education at Ripon College, Wisconsin, graduating there in 1882. He spent the next four years in India as instructor in Jafna College, returning to Yale as a graduate student in 1886. In 1889 he was appointed to the Yale faculty as an instructor.

A Gaelic Service.

In the chapel of the Marble Collegiate church, New York, Rev. Donald MacDougall, a native of the Scotch highlands, who was educated at Yale and Princeton, conducts a service in Gaelic every Sunday afternoon.

Mining and Miners.

There are 365,000 men employed in mining coal in the United States. Of these 135,000 are in the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania. No woman have ever been employed in American mines, though they were so employed in France, England and Scotland until quite recently.

Holds Medals for Life-Saving.

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